I joined BGU because of its strong leadership in the areas of health policy and public health. I wanted to be part of a team that, in addition to their commitment to a high level of academic education and research, is also committed to strengthening global health and the wellbeing of Israeli society. I am excited to be a part of the BGU family.

My life before BGU:
I grew up and was educated in Canada. I hold an MBA in health services management and marketing from McMaster University, Canada and a PhD from the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. I also completed a postdoc in health policy at McMaster University. Prior to coming to BGU, I was a senior lecturer at the Jerusalem College of Technology and an assistant professor (adjunct) at the University of Toronto. I consult internationally with different organizations including the World Health Organization. My main areas of research are evidence-informed policymaking and addressing the overuse of health services.

An Insight from my research:
My primary research interests are knowledge transfer and exchange. This means that, although high quality research is being conducted in the research camp, and many policy debates and deliberations take place in the political camp, there is very little communication between the two. However, Israel has a special advantage because the existing connections between researchers and policymakers make it possible to bridge that gap. The special insight here is that informal structures can be just as important, if not more important, than formal ones. So, never forget to put yourself out there to connect with the right people from different camps who will hear you and work with your ideas!

Something that doesn’t appear on my resume:
I love working out at the gym and sometimes go twice a day. Besides that, my incredible husband and five fantastic and energetic kids keep me pretty busy.

When I grow up:
While I was born and raised in Canada, and love Canada, I always yearned to move to Israel and do interesting work that helps people. So I went into health care management: the perfect balance of helping people while not having to go into an operating room. I also want to be a role model for young women, to show them that you can have a healthy family life and a career. One does not need to be at the expense of the other. It may not be easy, but it is possible.

Dr. Moriah Ellen
Department of Health Systems Management
Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business & Management

An Insight from my research:
My primary research interests are knowledge transfer and exchange. This means that, although high quality research is being conducted in the research camp, and many policy debates and deliberations take place in the political camp, there is very little communication between the two. However, Israel has a special advantage because the existing connections between researchers and policymakers make it possible to bridge that gap. The special insight here is that informal structures can be just as important, if not more important, than formal ones. So, never forget to put yourself out there to connect with the right people from different camps who will hear you and work with your ideas!

Something that doesn’t appear on my resume:
I love working out at the gym and sometimes go twice a day. Besides that, my incredible husband and five fantastic and energetic kids keep me pretty busy.

When I grow up:
While I was born and raised in Canada, and love Canada, I always yearned to move to Israel and do interesting work that helps people. So I went into health care management: the perfect balance of helping people while not having to go into an operating room. I also want to be a role model for young women, to show them that you can have a healthy family life and a career. One does not need to be at the expense of the other. It may not be easy, but it is possible.