Kirti Ranchod is focused on increasing awareness about dementia and dementia prevention. Her awareness-raising activities include academic and community based talks and the development of a new website, www.memorability.co which offers courses on improving brain health and memory. Kirti also volunteered at a rural hospital in Uganda, Bwindi Community Hospital, teaching different aspects related to brain health.

"There is a need to increase awareness about dementia, and dementia prevention strategies, and then to introduce dementia prevention programs in a practical, effective way. As an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at GBHI, I hope to be able to further develop effective solutions for this, and to reach people in urban and rural environments, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. My aim is to reduce dementia risk and improve care for people with dementia. I am excited to be working with people at GBHI who share this common vision. With this inspiring group, a solution to a seemingly impossible challenge is achievable. In my free time, I draw and paint. I always make time to enjoy sunshine. I love visiting art galleries and jazz clubs."

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