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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. in Political Science
Department of Political Science
Wayne State University, USA | Ongoing (3 rd Semester)
CGPA 3.94 |
| Master of Science
Department of Politics and Government
Illinois State University, USA
Thesis: Political Violence in Bangladesh: Explaining the Role of State
Committee Members: Dr. Ali Riaz (Chair), Dr. Noha Shawki, Dr. Yusuf Sarfati | August 2020
CGPA 3.89 |
| Master of Social Sciences
Department of Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
Thesis: Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Study on Local Level Conflicts in Bangladesh
Supervisor: Saifuddin Ahmed | December 2015
CGPA 3.50 |
| Bachelor of Social Sciences
Department of Peace and Conflict Studies
Research Monograph: Impact of Political Conflict on Human Security in Bangladesh from 2011 to 2013
Supervisor: Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam | October 2014
CGPA 3.67 |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Violence, Political Party, South Asian Politics

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Book Chapter

- 2016 *“Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Study on Local Level Conflicts in Bangladesh.”* Saifuddin Ahmed and Zunaid Almamun in AF Ahmad, SA Saber, MR Islam, NM Nasrullah (Eds.), ‘Politics, Human Rights & Conflict’, Dhaka, Osder Publications, 170-182.

Conference Paper Presentation

- 2022 *"Politics in Bangladesh under A Hybrid Regime"*. 50th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 19-22.
- 2022 *"The Role of State in Political Violence in Bangladesh: 2012-2018"*. 79th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 07-10.
- 2020 *"Freedom of Media and Assembly during Democratic Erosion: Experience from Bangladesh"*. 78th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 16-19 (abstract accepted, conference postponed due to COVID-19).
- 2019 *"The Aftermath of Political Settlement in the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Actors and Interests"*. 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 17-20.
- 2019 *"Failure of Political Settlement in Chittagong Hill Tracts"*. 27th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, Normal, IL, April 19.
- 2016 *"Combating Terrorism in Bangladesh: Security-flaws in Light of the Labeling Theory"*. Co-authored with Fariha Tabassum, International Conference on Envisioning Our Common Future-ICEOCF, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 22-23.
- 2015 *"Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Study on Local Level Conflicts in Bangladesh"*. Co-authored with Saifuddin Ahmed, International Conference on Governance in Transition, Comilla, Bangladesh, December 18-19.

Poster Presentation

- 2019 *"Does (Dis)Trust Play Any Role in Ethnic Tension in Chittagong Hill Tracts?"*. 2019 annual University Research Symposium, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, April 5.

Key Note Paper Presentation

- 2014 *"State of Democracy in Bangladesh"* in a roundtable organized by South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society (SAYPPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, January 24.
- 2014 *"Challenges of Fundamentalism in Bangladesh and the Role of Youth"* in a roundtable organized by South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society (SAYPPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, March 21.

Panel Organizer

2019 "Governance Challenges in Bangladesh: Critical Perspectives". 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 17-20.

Conference Participant

2016 Name: 3rd International Countering Violent Extremism Research Conference
Place: Jakarta, Indonesia
Organizer: Hedayah
Duration: December 6 – 8
Sponsor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

2013 Name: International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP)
Place: Washington D.C., Ohio, New York
Organizer: US State Department
Duration: June 4 – 13
Sponsor: US State Department

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

2021 Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship 2021-2022 through the Department of Political Science at Wayne State University.

2020 John R. Borsos Endowed Scholarship 2020 by the Department of Political Science at Western Michigan University with a Scholarship of USD 2000.

2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2020 by the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University with a Scholarship of USD 500.

2020 Alice Ebel Scholarship of USD 2,800 from the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University to help academic endeavors.

2020 Travel grants of BDT 32,000 (approximately \$380.95) from the Bangladesh-Sweden Trust Fund under the Economic Relations Division of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to support one-way airfare from Bangladesh to USA in order to pursue graduate studies.

- 2019 Graduate Student Travel grants of USD 568.44 from Illinois State University College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Politics and Government (Fall 2019) to present a paper at the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 17-20.
- 2016 Best Student Paper Award for the paper “Combating Terrorism in Bangladesh: Security-flaws in Light of the Labeling Theory”. Co-authored with Fariha Tabassum, International Conference on Envisioning Our Common Future-ICEOCF, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 22-23.
- 2015 Merit scholarship of BDT 4,200 (approximately \$50) from the University of Dhaka for satisfactory performance in BSS in Peace and Conflict Studies.
- 2011-2014 Merit scholarship of BDT 30,000 (approximately \$357.14) from the Ministry of Education, Bangladesh for securing 5th place in the country in Higher Secondary Certificate (Alim, equivalent to 11th and 12th grade) examination.
- 2010 Merit scholarship of BDT 1,000 (approximately \$11) from Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited for securing A+ in all subjects in Higher Secondary Certificate (Alim, equivalent to 11th and 12th grade) examination.
- 2009-2011 English Access Microscholarship Program (Fully Funded) and a stipend of BDT 24,000 (approximately \$285.72) from the US State Department.

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 (Wayne State University)

Role: Instructor of Record

Course: Understanding Political Science Statistics (PS 1050)

Summer 2021 (Western Michigan University)

Role: Doctoral Graduate Assistant

Spring 2021 (Western Michigan University)

Role: Teaching Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Jim Butterfield

Course: International Relations (PSCI 2500)

Fall 2020 (Western Michigan University)

Role: Teaching Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Denise Keele

Course: Environmental Politics & Policy (PSCI 3060/ENVS 3400)

Summer 2020 (Illinois State University)

Role: Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Ali Riaz

Spring 2020 (Illinois State University)

Role: Teaching and Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Ali Riaz

Course: Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, & Latin America (POL 140)

Role: Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Michael Hendricks

Fall 2019 (Illinois State University)

Role: Teaching and Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Ali Riaz

Course: Asian Politics (POL 245)

Role: Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Michael Hendricks

Summer 2019 (Illinois State University)

Role: Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Michaelene Cox

Role: Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Julie Webber

Spring 2019 (Illinois State University)

Role: Teaching and Research Assistant

Faculty: Professor Scott Smith

Role: Teaching Assistant

Faculty: Professor Tyler Carter

Course: Introduction to Politics (POL 100)

Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science (POL 138)

Fall 2018 (Illinois State University)

Role: Teaching and Research Assistant

Faculty: Dr. Meghan Leonard

Course: Constitutional Law (POL 326)

Role: Teaching and Research Assistant

Faculty: Professor Scott Smith

Assistant Director

01 March 2018 – 31 July 2018

Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh

Research Officer

01 March 2016 – 28 February 2018

Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh

Research Assistant

17 May 2015 – 16 August 2015

Project: GIU Initiatives in Resisting Early Marriage: An Analytical Survey on the Concerned Officials

Principal Investigator: Saifuddin Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Assistant

15 April 2015 – 30 April 2015

Project: Baseline Study on Informal Apprenticeship in Five Sectors

Organization: BRAC

Research Associate July 2013 – March 2015
South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society (SAYPPS)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Assistant July 2012 – June 2013
Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
Dhaka, Bangladesh

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- 2018 Name: 2018 Annual Ethics Training
Organizer: Illinois State University
- 2017 Name: Strengthening National Legal Frameworks for Preventing and
Countering Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism through
Criminal Justice Approaches
Organizer: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Duration: 2 days
- 2015 Name: Public Speaking Secrets
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2014 Name: SPSS for Professionals, Researchers, and Students
Organizer: Department of Statistics, Biostatistics, and Informatics,
University of Dhaka
Duration: 1 month
- 2014 Name: Creative Writing: Practices & Strategies
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2014 Name: The Art of Public Speaking
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2014 Name: The Art of Communication
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2012 Name: Research Training on “The Current Scenario of Democratic
Practices among the Youth of Bangladesh”
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2012 Name: Youth in Democracy
Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)

- 2011 Name: Hardware Maintenance and Troubleshooting
 Organizer: Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics
 Duration: 15 days
- 2009 Name: Media Telecenter under Media Access and Education for
 Human Rights Program
 Organizer: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)
- 2008 Name: Residential Training Camp on “Youth Journalism and Human
 Rights”
 Organizer: Relief International
 Duration: 3 days
- 2008 Name: Inter Madrasa Debate Workshop
 Organizer: Spandan Madrasa Debating Society (SMDS)
- 2007 Name: Inter Madrasah Public Speaking Workshop
 Organizer: Spandan Madrasa Debating Society (SMDS)
- 2006 Name: Inter Madrasa Debate Workshop
 Organizer: Spandan Madrasa Debating Society (SMDS)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Midwest Political Science Association
- American Institute of Bangladesh Studies

VOLUNTEER AND HONORARY SERVICES

Organization: Bangladesh Youth Empowerment Society (BYES)

Position: Deputy Executive Head
 Duration: February 2015 – February 2016

Position: Program Development Lead
 Duration: January 2014 – February 2015

Position: Youth Executive
 Duration: August 2013 – December 2013

Organization: United States Ambassador’s Youth Council in Bangladesh

Position: Member
 Duration: December 2011 – July 2015

Organization: Spandan Madrasa Debating Society (SMDS)

Position: President
Duration: January 2011 – October 2011
Position: Vice President (Administration)
Duration: January 2009 – December 2010

Position: Secretary for Program and Training
Duration: July 2007 – December 2008

Position: Executive Member
Duration: July 2006 – June 2007

VOLUNTARY ACTIVISM

2012 Program: The Rally for Bulletproof Arms Trade Treaty
Organizer: Safer World

2011 Program: Youth Making 7 Billion Action
Organizer: United Nations Students Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB)

2011 Program: Campus Clean-Up Campaign
Organizer: EEDA World

LANGUAGES

- Bengali (Native)
- English (Advanced)
- Arabic (Novice)

REFERENCES

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