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Academic appointments

Assistant Professor July 2019 - Present
Department of Demography, University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Scientist July 2019 - Present
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Rockefeller Foundation Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellow September 2017 - June 2019
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Harvard University Center for the Environment

Education

Ph.D. Demography and Social Policy, Princeton University September 2017

B.A. Economics and Physics, Carleton College June 2009

Peer-reviewed publications

Cowley, L. A., Afrad, H. M., Rahman, S. I. A., Mamun, M., M., Chin, T., **Mahmud, A.**, *et al.* (2021) "Genomics, social media and mobile phone data enable mapping of SARS-CoV-2 lineages to inform health policy in Bangladesh". *Nature Microbiology*. **Link**.

Mena, G. E., Martinez, P. P., **Mahmud, A.**, Marquet, P. A., Buckee, C. O. and Santillana, M., (2021) "Socioeconomic status determines COVID-19 incidence and related mortality in Santiago, Chile." *Science*. **Link**.

Mahmud, A., Chowdhury, S., Sojib, K. H., Chowdhury, A., Quader, M. T., Paul, S., Saidy, M. S., Uddin, R., Engø-Monsen, K. and Buckee, C. O. (2021) "Participatory syndromic surveillance as a tool for tracking COVID-19 in Bangladesh." *Epidemics*, 35, p.100462. **Link**.

Kishore, N., Kahn, R., Martinez, P. P., De Salazar, P. M., **Mahmud, A.**, Buckee, C.O. (2021) "Lockdowns result in changes in human mobility which may impact the epidemiologic dynamics of SARS-CoV-2". *Nature Sci Rep*, 11. **Link**.

Brown, S. T., Engø-Monsen, K., Kiang, M. V., **Mahmud, A.**, Maude, R. J., Buckee, C. O. (2021) "The impact of mobility network properties on predicted epidemic dynamics in Dhaka and Bangkok". *Epidemics*, 35, p.100441 **Link**.

Feehan, D. and **Mahmud, A.** (2021) "Quantifying population contact patterns in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic". *Nature Communications*. 12:893. **Link**.

Mahmud, A.*, Kabir, I. M.*, Engø-Monsen, K., *et al.* (2021) "Megacities as drivers of national outbreaks: the 2017 chikungunya outbreak in Dhaka, Bangladesh". *PLOS NTD*. 15(2): e0009106. **Link**. (* co-first author)

Mahmud, A., Martinez, P. P., He, J., Baker, R. E., (2020) "The Impact of Climate Change on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Insights from Current Research and New Directions". *Curr. Environ. Health Rep.* **Link**.

Lewnard, J.A., Liu, V.X., Jackson, M.L., Schmidt, M.A., Jewell, B.L., Flores, J.P., Jentz, C., Northrup, G.R., **Mahmud, A.**, Reingold, A.L., Petersen, M., Jewell, N. P., Young, S., Bellows, J. (2020) "Incidence, clinical outcomes, and transmission dynamics of severe coronavirus disease 2019 in California and Washington: prospective cohort study". *BMJ* 369:1923. **Link**.

Chin, T., Buckee, C. O., **Mahmud, A.*** (2020) "Quantifying the success of measles vaccination campaigns in the Rohingya refugee camps". *Epidemics*. 30:100385. (* senior author) **Link**.

Martinez, P. P.*, **Mahmud, A.***, Yunus, M., Faruque, A. S. G., Ahmed, T., Pascual, M., Buckee, C. (2020) "Tubewell use protects against rotavirus infection during the monsoons in an urban setting". *Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 221: 22. (* co-first author). **Link**.

Baker, R, **Mahmud, A.**, Wagner, C., Yang, W., Pitzer, V., Viboud, C., Vecchi, G., Metcalf, C., Grenfell, B. (2019) "Epidemic dynamics of respiratory syncytial virus in current and future climates". *Nature Communications*. 10:5512. **Link**.

Kahn, R.*, **Mahmud, A.***, Schroeder, A., Aguilar Ramirez, L.H., Crowley, J., Chan, J., Buckee, C.O. (2019) "Rapid forecasting of cholera risk in Mozambique: translational challenges and opportunities." *Prehosp Disaster Med*. 34(5):557-562. (* co-first author). **Link**.

Rahman, M. R., Ahmed, S., **Mahmud, A.** *et al.* (2019) "Health consequences of climate change in Bangladesh: An overview of the evidence, knowledge gaps and challenges". *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change*. e601. **Link**.

Mahmud, A., Lipsitch, M., and Goldstein, E. (2019) "On the role of different age groups during pertussis epidemics in California, 2010 and 2014". *Epidemiology and Infection*. 147 (e184). **Link**.

Chang, H.H., Wesolowski, A., Sinha, I., Jacob, C.G., **Mahmud, A.**, *et al.* (2019) "Mapping imported malaria in Bangladesh using parasite genetic and human mobility data." *eLife*. 8:e43481. **Link**.

Bhatia, A., **Mahmud, A.**, Fuller, A., *et al.* (2018) "The Rohingya in Cox's Bazar: When the Stateless Seek Refuge." *Journal of Health and Human Rights*. 20 (2) pp 105 -122. **Link**.

Kishore, N., Marques, D., **Mahmud, A.** *et al.* (2018) "Mortality in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria". *New England Journal of Medicine*, 379 (2) pp 162-170. [Link](#).

Baker, R.*, **Mahmud, A.***, and Metcalf, C. J. E. (2018) "Dynamic response of airborne infections to climate change: predictions for varicella". *Climatic Change*, 148 (4) pp 547-560. (* **co-first author**). [Link](#).

Buckee, C. *et al.* (2018) "Productive disruption: opportunities and challenges for innovation in infectious disease surveillance." *BMJ Global Health*, 3 (1). [Link](#).

Mahmud, A., Alam, N., and Metcalf, C. J. E. (2017) "Drivers of measles mortality: the historic fatality burden of famine in Bangladesh". *Epidemiology and Infection*, 145 (16), pp 3361-3369. [Link](#).

Mahmud, A., Metcalf, C. J. E., and Grenfell, B.T. (2017) "Comparative dynamics, seasonality in transmission, and predictability of childhood infections in Mexico". *Epidemiology and Infection*, 145 (3), pp 607-625. [Link](#).

Carton, S.*, Helsby, J.*, Joseph, K.*, **Mahmud, A.***, Park, Y.*, Walsh, J., Cody, C., Patterson, E., Haynes, L., and Ghani, R. (2016) "Identifying Police Officers at Risk of Adverse Events." *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, KDD '16*. (* **co-first author**). [Link](#).

Mahmud, A. (2016) "Behavioral or Biological: Taking a Closer Look at the Relationship between HIV and Fertility." *Applied Demography and Public Health in the 21st Century*. Springer International Publishing, pp. 361-380. [Link](#).

Caudron, Q., **Mahmud, A.**, Metcalf, C. J. E., Gottfredsson, M., Viboud, C., Cliff, A. D., and Grenfell, B. T. (2015). "Predictability in a Highly Stochastic System: Final Size of Measles Epidemics in Small Populations." *Journal of The Royal Society Interface*, 12(102), 20141125. [Link](#).

Grants

"COVID-19: Citywide Sewage Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 in Dhaka, Bangladesh", Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, (co-Investigator, PI: Mami Taniuchi, University of Virginia), Project period: September 2020 - June 2021.

National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) Grant, (co-PI with Chris Golden, Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health), 2020-2022. *Declined due to COVID-19 disruptions*.

Berkeley Population Center, Pilot Grant (PI), University of California, Berkeley, Project period: June 2020 - June 2021.

Talks and conference presentations

"When a megacity goes on holiday: The impact of population mobility on the spread of local epidemics." Sustainable Development Seminar, Columbia University, March 2021. *Invited talk*.

"When a megacity goes on holiday: The impact of population mobility on the spread of local epidemics." Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, University of California, Berkeley, March 2021. *Invited talk.*

"Participatory syndromic surveillance as a tool for tracking COVID-19 in Bangladesh". COVID-19 Dynamics and Evolution Conference, UCSD, October 2020.

"Participatory syndromic surveillance as a tool for tracking COVID-19 in Bangladesh". Berkeley Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Seminar, Berkeley, CA, September 2020.

Panelist, "Mathematical Models in Understanding COVID-19." organized by Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA, August 2020. *Invited talk.*

Panelist, "Voices: The Risk of Coronavirus for Rohingya Refugees" organized by Rise for Rohingya, April 2020. *Invited talk.*

"Megacities as drivers of national outbreaks: The role of holiday travel in the spread of infectious diseases". Berkeley Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Seminar, Berkeley, CA, October 2019. *Invited talk.*

"When a megacity goes on holiday: The impact of population mobility on the spread of local epidemics." Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease meeting, Princeton, NJ, June 2019.

"The impact of population mobility on the spread of local epidemics". Massachusetts General Hospital HIV Conference Series, Boston, MA, May 2019. *Invited talk.*

"Drivers of dengue dynamics in Brazil: quantifying the role of human demography and climate". Planetary Health Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, UK, May 2018.

"Drivers of infectious disease dynamics: Quantifying the impact of demography and climate". Department of Demography Seminar Series, University of California, Berkeley, CA, January 2018. *Invited talk.*

"Climate drivers of infectious diseases" Epidemics, Sitges, Spain, November 2017.

"Drivers of seasonal disease dynamics" UTokyo-Princeton Infectious Disease Modeling Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, July 2017. *Invited talk.*

"Dynamic response of airborne infections to climate change: predictions for varicella." Planetary Health / GeoHealth Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2017.

"Comparative Dynamics, Seasonality in Transmission, and Predictability of Childhood Infections in Mexico." Population Association of America conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

"Drivers of infectious disease dynamics: Childhood infections in Mexico." 5th Annual Institute for Disease Modeling Symposium, Bellevue, WA, April 2017. *Invited talk.*

"Drivers of seasonal transmission of childhood infections." Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December, 2016. *Invited talk.*

"Comparative dynamics, seasonality in transmission, and predictability of childhood infections in Mexico." Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease meeting, Cornell, NY, June 2016.

"Identifying Police Officers at Risk of Adverse Events." Population Association of America conference, Washington, DC, April 2016.

"HIV and Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa." Population Association of America conference, San Diego, CA, May 2015.

"Stratospheric Photochemistry on Neptune: Constraints from Spitzer Observations." American Astronomical Society Division of Planetary Sciences conference, Cornell, NY, October 2008.

Teaching

Instructor, Introduction to Population Analysis Fall 2019
University of California, Berkeley

Co-Instructor, Introduction to Infectious Disease Modeling Spring 2019, Spring 2020
Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Instructor, Introduction to Demographic Methods Summer 2014
Office of Population Research, Princeton University
Summer "boot-camp" for incoming Ph.D. students

Teaching assistant, Epidemiology Spring 2014
Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
Instructor: Joseph Amon, Princeton University

Teaching assistant, Ventures to Address Global Health Challenges Fall 2013
Woodrow Wilson School and Dept. of Engineering, Princeton University
Instructor: John Danner, University of California - Berkeley

Fellowships and awards

Rockefeller Foundation Planetary Health Fellowship, Harvard University, 2017-2019.

Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University, 2016-2017.

Health Grand Challenge Graduate Research Funding, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University, 2016.

Data Science for Social Good Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2015.

Starr International Scholar, Carleton College, 2005 - 2009.

Work experience

World Bank , Washington, D.C.	June 2016 - June 2017
Data Science for Social Good Summer Fellowship , Chicago, IL	June - August 2015
National Bureau of Economic Research , Cambridge, MA	July 2011 - August 2012
NORC at the University of Chicago , Bethesda, MD	July 2009 - June 2011

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