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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Fellow

September 2020-present

Consultant (Research Fellow), BRAC USA

April 2020-August 2020

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA

Ph.D. student, Department of Applied Economics

2016-present

Research Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics,
and Labor Economics

Master of Public Policy, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

2016

University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Master of Social Science, Department of Development Studies

2013

Bachelor of Social Science, Department of Development Studies

2012

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Working Papers

- [1] "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018" with *Caroline Krafft & Ragui Assaad*. May 2021. (*Accepted, IZA Journal of Development and Migration*)
- Working Paper No. 1360. The Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- [2] "Remitting Religiosity: Evidence of International Migrants Changing Norms in Their Home Country" March 2021. (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Population Economics*)
- [3] "How do Small Formal and Informal Firms in Egypt Compare? An Analysis of Firm Characteristics and Implications for Formalization Efforts" with *Caroline Krafft, Ragui Assaad, & Maakwe Cumanzala*. October 2020. Policy Research Working Paper; No. 9423. Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.
- [4] "Can Soil Test Results Influence Farmers to Use Fertilizer Efficiently? Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh" with *Sabrin Beg & Mahnaz Islam*. June 2020

Work in Progress

- [1] "Targeted Teaching to Improve Learning in Secondary School" with *Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, & Adrienne Lucas*
- Media coverage: [Millennium Post](#)
- [2] "Using Quality and Branding Information to Improve Revenue of Grape Producers in China" with *Kenn Chua, Qingxiao Li, & Xiaoli Yang*
- [3] "Technology Based Schooling" with *Paul Glewwe, Zhigang Li, Prashant Loyalka, & Uttam Sharma*
- [4] "The Welfare Consequences of Employer Responses to COVID-19" with *Laura Boudreau & Rachel Heath*
- [5] "The Effect of Public Handwashing Stations, Awareness Campaigns, and Behavior Change Interventions on Health Behavior and Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic" with *Sonia Afrin, Narayan Das, Rafia Nisat, Dilhan Perera, & Atiya Rahman*
- [6] "Digital Finance, Transaction Costs, and Women's Economic Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh" with *Jeffrey R. Bloem*
- [7] "Microfinance and Food Security during COVID-19 Pandemic" with *Raied Arman, Narayan Das, Sakib Mahmud, & Semab Rahman*
- [8] "Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) Male Youth in Bangladesh" with *Syed Rashed Al-Zayed Josh & Shwetlena Sabarwal*

Policy Writing

- [1] "Job Creation in Egypt: A Sectoral and Geographical Analysis Focusing on Private Establishments 1996-2017" with *Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft, & Irene Selwaness*. Economic Research Forum Policy Paper. Cairo, Egypt.

Non-economic Publications

- [1] "State Forestry and Community Alienation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts" with *Niaz Ahmed Khan & Sanjana Tehjib*. In *Life in Peace and Conflict: Indigeneity and State in the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. 2017. New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Ragui Assaad May 2018-May 2020
I perform analysis on the labor market and demography of Egypt using labor force surveys, labor market panel surveys, and population and establishment censuses.

Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Janna Johnson August 2015-May 2016
I worked on census undercount using the US population census and the American Community Survey (ACS).

Swisscontact, South Asia Regional Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Associate

June 2017–August
2017

I worked on an exploratory research, funded by the UKAID, to identify the scopes, opportunities, and threats to commercializing agriculture of Bangladesh. I designed and conducted the surveys, analyzed the data, and co-authored the final report.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Intern for Policy Research and Strategic Support Program (PRSSP)

May 2015–August
2015

I performed the primary analysis of the second wave of Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey (BIHS).

International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Short Term Temporary

September 2013–June
2014

I did a cost-benefit analysis of bio-gas plants in poultry and dairy firms funded by IFC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA

Instructor

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis

Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant

APEC 5031 Methods of Economic Data Analysis
(Instructor: Steve Miller)

Fall 2018

APEC 3001 Applied Microeconomics: Consumers, Producers, and Markets
(Instructor: Jason Kerwin)

Fall 2017

PA 5521 Development Planning & Policy Analysis (Instructor: Ragui As-saad)

Spring 2016

PA 5021 Economics for Policy Analysis and Planning I (Instructor: Audrey Dorelien)

Fall 2015

CERTIFICATES & WORKSHOPS

2019 Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program, University of Minnesota; Becker Friedman Summer School in Price Theory, University of Chicago

SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021 Western Economics Association International Conference (scheduled); Annual Applied and Agricultural Economics Association Meeting (scheduled)

2020 Canadian Economics Association Conference (Canceled due to COVID-19); Western Economics Association International Conference (In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19)

- 2019 Midwest International Development Economics Conference; IUSSP Research Conference on Population, Poverty and Inequality; Applied Economics Students' Seminar Series
- 2018 Trade and Development Seminar, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota; Midwest International Development Economics Conference

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy Fellowship** Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.
- G. Edward Schuh Fellowship** Fall 2019
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.
- Applied Economics Graduate Program Fellowship** 2016-2017
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)

- Freeman Stassen Award for International Activities** 2016
Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.
- Hubert H. Humphrey-UK Commonwealth Dean's Scholarship** 2014-2016
Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Twin Cities, Minnesota, USA.
- Bangladesh Bank Governor's Scholarship** 2010, 2011
Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
Dhaka, Bangladesh.

GRANTS

- BIGD WEE-DiFine Initiative** (\$362,817) 2021
- J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative** (\$39,893) 2020
- CIFAP Travel Grant** (\$900) 2019
- Applied Economics Travel Grant** (\$800) 2019
- J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative** (\$50,000) 2018

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*American Economic Association; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association;
Royal Economic Society*

SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA (advanced), R (basic), L^AT_EX (advanced)

LANGUAGES

Bangla (*native*); English (*fluent*)

CITIZENSHIP

Bangladesh