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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022–present Postdoctoral Researcher, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2022–present Visiting Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2020–2021 Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2022–present College Advisor, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2022–present Non-Resident Fellow, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2021–present Research Fellow, Global Labor Organization

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA
- 2016 Master of Public Policy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA
- 2013 Master of Social Science, Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2012 Bachelor of Social Science, Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Publications

- [1] "Information and Behavior: Evidence from Fertilizer Quantity Recommendations in Bangladesh," with Sabrin Beg & Mahnaz Islam. September, 2023. [\[PDF\]](#) (*Accepted, Journal of Development Economics*)
- [2] "International Migration and Religious Schooling of Children in the Home Country: Evidence from Bangladesh," *Journal of Population Economics*, 36, 1963-2005, July 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-022-00912-2>
- [3] "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018," with Caroline Krafft & Ragui Assaad. *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 12(12): 1-40, September 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2478/izajodm-2021-0012>

Working Papers

- [1] "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. December 2022. [\[PDF\]](#) (*Revise and Resubmit, Review of Development Economics*)
- [2] "Labor Market Participation and Aspiration of Madrasa Graduates," with Md Shakil Ahmed, Raied Arman, Marjan Hossain, & Nuzaba Tahreen Rahman. February 2022. (*Revise and Resubmit, International Journal of Education and Development*)
- [3] "The Effect of Public Handwashing Stations, Awareness Campaigns, and Behavior Change Interventions Health Behavior and Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic," with Sonia Afrin, Narayan Das, Rafia Nisat, Dilhan Perera, & Atiya Rahman.
- [4] "Microfinance and Food Security during COVID-19 Pandemic," with Raied Arman, Narayan Das, Sakib Mahmud, & Semab Rahman. (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Development Studies*)
- [5] "Survey Ordering and the Measurement of Welfare," with Jeffrey R. Bloem & Marc F. Bellemare. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [6] "Teacher Flexibility and School Productivity: Evidence from a Remedial Education Program in India," with Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, & Adrienne Lucas
- Media coverage: [Millennium Post](#)
- [7] "Using Quality and Branding Information to Improve Revenue of Grape Producers in China," with Kenn Chua, Qingxiao Li, & Xiaoli Yang

Works in Progress

- [1] "Technology-based Schooling," with Paul Glewwe, Zhigang Li, Prashant Loyalka, & Uttam Sharma
- [2] "Digital Finance, Transaction Costs, and Women's Economic Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh," with Jeffrey R. Bloem
- [3] "Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) Male Youth in Bangladesh," with Syed Rashed Al-Zayed Josh & Shwetlena Sabarwal
- [4] "Addressing Learning Loss/Gap Using Low-tech Remote Learning among Underprivileged in Developing Countries: The Bangladesh Case," with Paul Glewwe, Asad Islam, & Shwetlena Sabarwal
- [5] "Disability Inclusive Education Program in Bangladesh," with Ricardo Sabates Aysa, Narayan Das, & Nidhi Singal
- [6] "Validation of Phone-based ASER," with Marjan Hossain
- [7] "Using Social Media to Train Aquaculture Farmers: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh," with Munshi Sulaiman, Marzuk Hossain, & Tahmid Bin Mahmud
- [8] "Training on Black Soldier Fly Larvae (BSFL) Cultivation as Aquaculture and Poultry Feed," with Munshi Sulaiman, Marzuk Hossain, & Tahmid Bin Mahmud

- [9] "Social Empowerment and Legal Protection Program to Reduce Child Marriage," with Munshi Sulaiman, Shaila Ahmed, Sakib Mahmood, Marjan Hossain, & Md. Johirul Islam
- [10] "Impact of Garment Factories on Women's Health in Bangladesh," with Divya Pandey
- [11] "Positive Parenting of Adolescents," with Shaila Ahmed, Marjan Hossain, Radhika Nagesh, & Gabriela Smarrelli (*Pilot Ongoing*)

Policy Writings/Reports

- [1] "Partnership for Research on Progress and Resilience in Education (PREPARE): Round 1 Policy Brief" with Marjan Hossain, Md Johirul Islam, and Shaila Ahmed. 2023. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [2] "The State of Learning in Bangladesh: A Pilot Study" with Marjan Hossain. 2022. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [3] "The Impact of COVID-19 on the Education of Primary and Secondary School Children in Bangladesh" with Marjan Hossain. 2022. Scoping Paper, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD). Dhaka, Bangladesh. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [4] "Job Creation in Egypt: A Sectoral and Geographical Analysis Focusing on Private Establishments 1996-2017" with Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft, & Irene Selwaness. 2019. Economic Research Forum Policy Paper. Cairo, Egypt. [\[PDF\]](#)

Non-Economics 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.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2021 | Short-Term Consultant, Education SAR, World Bank |
| 2018–2020 | Graduate Research Assistant, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA |
| 2017 | Research Associate, Swisscontact, South Asia Regional Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| 2015–2016 | Graduate Research Assistant, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA |
| 2015 | Intern, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| 2013–2014 | Short-Term Temporary, International Finance Corporation |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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| 2021 | Mathematics Refresher for Master of Development Studies |
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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA

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| 2018 | Public Affairs 5521 (Master's: Development Planning & Policy Analysis) Applied Economics 5031 (Master's: Methods of Economic Data Analysis) Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Steve Miller |
| 2017 | Applied Economics 3001 (Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics) Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Jason Kerwin |
| 2016 | Public Affairs 5521 (Master's: Development Planning & Policy Analysis) Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Ragui Assaad |
| 2015 | Public Affairs 5021 (Master's: Intermediate Microeconomics) Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Audrey Dorélien |

CERTIFICATES & WORKSHOPS

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

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| 2023 | RISE Annual Conference; Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference; CSAE Lunchtime Workshop, University of Oxford; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Conference; International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) FNP Brown Bag Seminar |
| 2022 | CSAE Lunchtime Workshop, University of Oxford; Economics Brown Bag Seminar, North South University |
| 2021 | Western Economics Association (WEA) International Conference |
| 2020 | Canadian Economics Association Conference (<i>Canceled due to COVID-19</i>); WEA International Conference (<i>In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19</i>) |
| 2019 | Midwest International Development Economics Conference (MWIDEC); 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; MWIDEC |

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2019, 2020 | Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy Fellowship |
| 2019 | G. Edward Schuh Fellowship |
| 2016–2017 | Applied Economics Graduate Program Fellowship |
| 2016 | Freeman Stassen Award for International Activities |
| 2014–2016 | Hubert H. Humphrey-UK Commonwealth Dean's Scholarship |
| 2010, 2011 | Bangladesh Bank Governor's Scholarship |

GRANTS

- 2021 BIGD WEE-DiFine Initiative (\$362,817)
- with Jeff Bloem
- 2020 J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative (\$39,893)
- with Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, and Adrienne Lucas
- 2019 Kusuma Trust UK (£250,000)
- with Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, and Adrienne Lucas
CIFAP Travel Grant (\$900)
Applied Economics Travel Grant (\$800)
- 2018 J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative (\$50,000)
- with Sabrin Beg, Anne Fitzpatrick, Jason Kerwin, and Adrienne Lucas

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Economic Papers*, *PLOS One*

MEMBERSHIP

American Economic Association; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association

SOFTWARE SKILLS

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

LANGUAGES

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