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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] "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>
- [2] "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] "Information and Behavior: Evidence from Fertilizer Quantity Recommendations in Bangladesh," with Sabrin Beg & Mahnaz Islam. May, 2023. [[PDF](#)] (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Development Economics*)
- [2] "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*)
- [3] "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*)
- [4] "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. (*Under Review*)
- [5] "Microfinance and Food Security during COVID-19 Pandemic," with Raied Arman, Narayan Das, Sakib Mahmud, & Semab Rahman. (*Under Review*)
- [6] "Survey Ordering and the Measurement of Welfare," with Jeffrey R. Bloem & Marc F. Bellemare. [[PDF](#)]

### **Works in Progress**

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

### ***Policy Writings/Reports***

- [1] “The State of Learning in Bangladesh: A Pilot Study” with Marjan Hossain. 2022. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) Report. Dhaka, Bangladesh. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [2] “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. [\[PDF\]](#)
- [3] “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**

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**

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

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

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

## SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023            Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference; CSAE Lunchtime Workshop, University of Oxford; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Conference (*scheduled*)
- 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 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*); WEA International Conference (*In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19*)
- 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

- 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced)

## **LANGUAGES**

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