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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Economics, Temple University August 2021 - Present

EDUCATION

2016-21	Ph.D., Economics, Washington State University	WA, USA
2014-16	M.Sc., Applied Economics, Illinois State University	IL, USA
2008-09	M.S.S., Economics, University of Dhaka	Bangladesh
2003-07	B.S.S., Economics, University of Dhaka	Bangladesh

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Development Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Temple University	Econ 1102–Microeconomic Principles	Fall, 2021 (in-person and online)
Washington State University	-	
Graduate Instructor	EconS 555–Managerial Economics for Decision Making	Summer, 2021
	EconS 323–Labor Economics	Spring 2020, Fall, 2020 and 2021
	EconS 351–Agriculture Marketing	Spring 2018, online
	EconS 305–Microeconomics without calculus	Spring 2019 and Fall 2019, online
	EconS 102–Fundamentals of Macroeconomics	Fall 2018, online
	EconS 101–Fundamentals of Microeconomics	Summer 2019 and 2020, online
Co-Developer	EconS 490–Economics Capstone with Dr. Alan Love	Summer 2018
Teaching Assistant	Academic Success and Career Center, WSU	Spring 2017
Illinois State University	-	
Teaching Assistant	Eco 427-Fundamentals of Econometrics	Summer 2015
	Eco 440- Advanced Microeconomic Theory I	Spring 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant, Washington State University** 2017
 - West Coast Container Traffic Analysis for Pacific Northwest Container Availability Study under Dr. Eric Jessup
 - Affordable Care and Rural Health Impact Analysis under Dr. Bidisha Mandal
- **Research Assistant, Illinois State University** 2014-2016
 - Analyzing the Role of Human and Natural Capitals as Engines of Growth For Transition Economies under Dr. Rati Ram
 - Program Evaluation and Impact on Job Search under Dr. German Blanco

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Consultant, Monitoring and Results Measurement** 2011-2014
[swisscontact-Katalyst](#), a 58 million USD market-development project of Swisscontact funded by DFID SDC, based in Bangladesh
 - Conducted value chain mapping, provided technical directions in designing and implementing interventions that facilitated to benefit 4.69 million farmers.
 - Monitored, impact measurement and documenting technical reports for interventions related to climate change adaptation, waste management, poverty reduction, food security, market system development, and women economic empowerment.
 - Coordinated mid-term and annual review meetings. Drafted technical proposals, project reports and other deliverable for donors agencies.
 - Maintained liaison with stakeholders and government officials to facilitate systemic change in market systems.
 - Scored 90% (Recommended) and 94% (Must) control points in Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) audit for supervised sectors.

- Core team member of a project with Grameen Foundation, USA that facilitated in developing the [Poverty Scorecard-a poverty assessment tool](#), for Bangladesh. Key roles included data analysis to construct the scorecard based on Bangladesh Household Income and Expenditure Survey and supervising field level testing of the scorecard.
- Core Team member in conducting impact assessment and preparing [Developing Training Systems for Health Workers in Bangladesh](#), case study. Key roles included designing survey questionnaire, training enumerators, supervising data collection and editing of the manuscript.
- Data collection, processing and analysis for the study “Jalil, M. M. Transforming the Furniture Industry of Bangladesh: The Case of Katalyst Project. Journal of Bangladesh Studies (ISSN 1529-0905), 51.”

● **Research Associate**

2009-10

[Centre for Policy Dialogue](#), A civil society think-tank based in Bangladesh

- Core team member of [CPD - Independent Review of Bangladesh’s Development \(IRBD\)](#), involved in preparing annual report on the state of the Bangladesh economy and National Budget. Key roles included data analysis, writing and editing of Agricultural and Rural Development, Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management Sections of the manuscript.
- Team Member in organizing and documenting the international dialogue on ‘UN LDC IV Outcome Document: key framework issues and trade agenda’ held in Bangladesh, 2010.
- Aggregating, cleaning enterprise-level survey data; analysis and report writing for “Export Diversification of Bangladesh’s Apparel Products: Opportunities and Challenges in Traditional and Emerging Markets” study for GIZ, 2010.
- Statistical analysis and manuscript editing of the report “Bangladesh Labor and Social Standards Report for ILO”, 2010.

CURRENT RESEARCH

- Afrin Islam and Jill J. McCluskey. “How does media influence consumption for processed meat?”
- Afrin Islam and Thomas L. Marsh. “Impact of natural disaster on child’s nutritional status”
- Afrin Islam and German Blanco. “Do Labor Market Intermediaries Affect the Speed of Employer Learning?.”
- Afrin Islam and Dimitrios Nikolaou “Birth Order and Peer Group Effects on Academic Attainment.”
- Afrin Islam and Jill J. McCluskey. “Health perception, health involvements and food choices.”

PRESENTATIONS

- “How does media influence consumption for processed meat?” at Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Conference, 2021.
- “Media, Health Advisory and Behaviour Pattern” at Western Economic Association International Conference, 2020.
- “Do Labor Market Intermediaries Affect the Speed of Employer Learning?” Poster presentation at Washington State University Symposium, 2018 and Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2017.
- “Birth Order and Peer Group Effects on Academic Attainment” Poster presentation at Illinois State University Research Symposium, 2015.

AWARDS

- Washington State University GPSA Excellence Award in Teaching, 2021
- C. Richard and Janet L. Shumway Graduate Fellowship, CAHNRS, Washington State University, 2020
- Washington State University, School of Economic Sciences Excellence in Teaching Honorable Mention, 2019
- Washington State University, School of Economic Sciences Poster Competition Honorary Position, 2018
- Endowment for Graduate Student Excellence, Illinois State University, 2016
- Bangladesh-Sweden Merit Grant, 2014
- Government of Bangladesh Merit-based Scholarship, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, Python, SQL, L^AT_EX