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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University
1st Year Ph.D. Student
Fall 2021-Present

University of Dhaka
MSS, Anthropology
3.63 (Grade scale of 4.00)
Class position: 2nd
January 2018 – December 2018

University of Dhaka
BSS, Anthropology
3.62 (Grade scale of 4.00)
Class position: 1st
January 2014 – December 2017

Notre Dame College
Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)
5.00 (Grade scale of 5.00)
2013

Rajuk Uttara Model College
Secondary School Certificate (SSC)
5.00 (Grade scale of 5.00)
2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (September 15, 2020 -Present)

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

Department: Nutrition and Clinical Services Division

Project Name: “Assessment of healthcare providers' knowledge, attitude, and practice regarding facility-based management of severe acute malnutrition in children under five years-of-age: a qualitative study of the secondary and tertiary government healthcare facilities in two administrative divisions of Bangladesh.”

Duties and responsibilities: Conducting interviews, observation and qualitative data analysis

Research Assistant (Service Provider) (February 23, 2020 – September 14, 2020)

BBC Media Action, Bangladesh

Project Name: Protecting Independent Media for Effective Development (Primed)

Duties and responsibilities: Conducting interviews, transcription, participation in data intermission sessions

Research Assistant (December 17, 2019 – February 22, 2020)

Center of Social and Environmental Research Foundation, Bangladesh

Duties and responsibilities: Research design, literature review

Research Assistant (June 19, 2019 – August 1, 2019)

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

Department: Nutrition and Clinical Services Division

Duties and responsibilities: Enumerator training, literature review

Field Investigator (January 31, 2018 – February 18, 2018)

Center of Social and Environmental Research Foundation, Bangladesh

Project Name: Feasibility study for water distribution system development in extended 16 (sixteen) union of Dhaka North City Corporation and Dhaka South City Corporation under Interim Water Supply Project of DWASA

Duties and responsibilities: Field survey, data analysis

ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

University of Dhaka; 2018

Exploring the Relationship between Water and Human Beings in the Context of Tengrakhali, Bagerhat

Graduate Thesis

Features:

- Explored the ways in which water configures the social realms in Tengrakhali, and is configured and attached value from the social relationships.
- Analyzed the local perception on the changing water quality and adaptation to water related challenges.
- Explored the gendered contours of the water-human relationship in the context of Tengrakhali.
- Analyzed the relationship between water governance configuration and social arrangements in Tengrakhali.

University of Dhaka; 2017

Exploring Space and Belongingness in the Context of Chawk Bazar, Dhaka

Undergraduate Monograph

Features:

- Identified and described the folds of the space of Chawk Bazar which are produced, lived and conceived by the people of Chawk Bazar
- Elicited the prime changes in the space of Chawk Bazar observed by the people
- Attempted to explain how belongingness in the space of Chawk Bazar is negotiated.

Researching Religion in Bangladesh; 2016, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
“The shaman-disciple relationship on the fair of Phyla shaman in Sakhipur, Tangail”

Co-author with Mohammad Zahirul Islam (MSS in Anthropology, University of Dhaka)

Features:

- Analyzed various dynamics of the spiritual and also the worldly-material relationship between a shaman and his disciple in the fair of Phyla shaman (locally known as Phyla Paglar Mela) based on qualitative research.
- Analyzed the form and content of spiritual guidance and explained the process in which a person becomes a disciple by convincing a shaman to provide him with spiritual guidance.

AWARDS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Helal Uddin Khan Memorial Gold Medal; 2018 from University of Dhaka for achieving the highest CGPA in BSS (Hons.) in 2017
- Nuzhat Jahangir Memorial Scholarship; 2018 from University of Dhaka for achieving the highest CGPA in BSS (Hons.) in 2017

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Bangla (Native)
English (Fluent)

SKILLS

Well-organized
Eager to learn
Creative mindset
Team player
Adaptive
Efficient in time management

Efficient in operating:

SPSS
STATA
SurveyCTO
Microsoft Office Package

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Guitarist of a local rock band called 'Conclusion'
Released debut album in 2019

REFERENCES

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