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Professional experience

July 1, 2008 – current **Department of Politics & Government**, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Professor

August 1, 2007 – current **Department of Politics & Government**, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Chairperson

August 2005 – June 2008 **Department of Politics & Government**, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Associate Professor

August 2005 – current **Minor in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies**, College of Arts and Sciences, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Director

August 2005 – May 2007 **Unit for International Linkages**, Office of International Studies, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Associate Director

August 2002 – July 2005 **Department of Politics & Government**, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
Assistant Professor

August 2003 – July 2005 **Unit for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies**, Office of International Studies, Illinois State University
Associate Director

August 2001 - May 2002 **Department of Mass Communications**, Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA
Associate Professor

August 2000 - July 2001
Lincoln, Lincoln, England
Senior Lecturer **Department of Journalism and Humanities**, University of

August 1997 - July 2000 **BBC World Service**, Bengali Section, London, England
Senior Broadcast Journalist

July 1995 - July 1997 **BBC World Service**, Bengali Section, London, England
Broadcast Journalist

Sept 1993 - June 1995 **Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism**, Dhaka
University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Assistant Professor

July 1993 - August 1993 **Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism**, Dhaka
University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Lecturer

May 1984 - June 1987 **Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism**, Dhaka
University, Dhaka Bangladesh
Lecturer

July 1982 - August 1983 **Daily Sangbad**, a national daily, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Sub-editor/ Reporter,

Education

1991 - 1993 University of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
PhD in Political Science
Dissertation title: *State, Class and Military Rule in Bangladesh, 1972-1982.*

1989-1991 University of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
MA in Political Science

1987-1989 University of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
MA in Communications
Thesis title: *Foreign News Coverage in Bangladesh Television: Analysis of News Content and Selection Process.*

1981-1982 University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh
MA in Mass Communication and Journalism
Thesis title: *Communication Network in Bangladesh: Television.*

1978-1980 University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh
BA (Honor) in Mass Communication and Journalism

Books In English:

- 2009 (Re) Reading Taslima Nasrin: Context, Contents and Constructions**
Edited volume, includes 11 essays on controversial Bangladeshi feminist author Taslima Nasrin. Dhaka, Bangladesh: Shrabon Prokashani.
- 2008 Faithful Education: Madrassahs in South Asia**
An in-depth study of the history and roles of Islamic education in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh and the significance of these institutions in contemporary politics. New Brunswick/London: Rutgers University Press.
- 2008 Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh: A Complex Web.**
An examination of the domestic, regional and international dynamics of the growing militancy in Bangladesh. London/New York: Routledge.
- 2007 Paradise Lost? State Failure in Nepal**
A study of relationships between state and society in Nepal. The book examines the causes of and conditions for the Maoist insurgency and explores the factors contributing to the inability of the constitutional political forces to appeal to the Nepali population. [Lead author: Ali Riaz, Co-author: Subho Basu] Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2006 Unfolding State: The Transformation of Bangladesh**
Discussion on the formation and transformation of states in peripheral societies with special reference to Bangladesh and Tanzania. Ontario, Canada: de Sitter Publications.
- 2004 God Willing: The Politics of Islamism in Bangladesh.**
Analysis of the rise of the Islamist politics in Bangladesh. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- 1995 Voice & Silence: Contextualizing Taslima Nasreen**
Critical analysis of Taslima Nasreen's writing, media coverage of the debate relating to Nasreen's alleged blasphemous statement, and the political dynamics of the events of July-August, 1994. Dhaka: Ankur Prokashani.
- 1994 State, Class and Military Rule: Political Economy of Martial Law in Bangladesh,**
A structural-historical interpretation of the causes of and conditions for military rule in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Nadi New Press.

Forthcoming Book

- 2010** *Religion and Politics in South Asia*, Edited volume. (London and New York: Routledge), February 2010.

Book Chapters in English

- 2009** NGOs, Empowerment and Social Capital: Lessons from the BRAC and the Grameen Bank in Farida Khan, et.al (eds). *Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: University Press Limited.

- Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasreen Saga in 1994 and 2007, in Ali Riaz, ed. *(Re) Reading Taslima Nasrin: Context, Contents and Constructions*, Dhaka, Bangladesh: Shrabon Prokashani
- 2008** The Nation-State, Global Media and the Regime of Supervision, (co-author: Anthony DiMaggio), in Janie Leatherman, ed. *Discipline and Punishment in Global Politics: Illusions of Control*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2008
- 2007** ‘Bangladesh,’ in *Islamist Opposition parties around the world and the potential for EU engagement*. Toby Archer and Heidi Huuhtanen, (Eds.). Helsinki, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, May, 2007.

Work in Progress

A Leap of Faith: British-Bangladeshis and the Politics of Identity and Islamism

An analysis of the causes of and conditions for the rising influence of Islamists among the British-Bangladeshis.

Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh, Project funded by the United States Peace Institute (USIP), New York, USA. 14 Dec 2005 – 15 June 2009. The manuscript under consideration for publication as an edited volume; co-editor: Christine C. Fair.

Books in Bengali

- 2001** **Sheikh Mujib & Other Issues**. A collection of essays on the political issues of Bangladesh during its first decade. Parijat Prakashani: Dhaka, Bangladesh. Second Edition, February 2001. First Published 1987.
- 2000** **Ali Riaz calling from BBC London**, A collection of scripts of various special documentary programmes broadcast from BBC World Service, Bengali Section. Parijat Prakashani: Dhaka, Bangladesh. February 2000.
- 1994** **The Culture of Fear**, An analysis of the scope and nature of terror and violence in Bangladesh society with special reference to the position of minorities such as Women, Religious minorities and Tribal population. Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash. December 1994.
- 1994** **Towards Beauty**, a collection of essays on literature. Dhaka: Dibhya Parakash. January 1994.
- 1993** **Crises of Ruling Classes of Bangladesh**, An analysis of the causes of prevailing restrictive press laws, authoritarian constitutional provisions and preventive legal provisions in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Somoy Prokashon. October 1993.
- 1993** **The Distant Land**, a collection of essays on international politics and economy, previously published as columns in a national weekly. Dhaka: Dhrupod. February, 1993.
- 1989** **Mass Media Detached from Masses**, a collection of essays on mass media in Bangladesh including articles on portrayal of women in state-controlled electronic media, and impact of international media on Bangladesh. Dhaka: Muktaadhara. February, 1989.

- 1987** **Sheikh Mujib & Other Issues.** A collection of essays on the political issues of Bangladesh during its first decade. Dhaka: Anandodhara. July, 1987.
- 1984** **The Time and Space of Writers,** a collection of essays on literature of Bangladesh. Dhaka: Titas Prokashani. February, 1984.
- 1983** **Unity in Democratic Movement,** a collection of essays on politics of Bangladesh with special emphasis on the nature and structure of alliance formation in Bangladesh politics. Dhaka: Anupam. May, 1983.
- 1978** **Bengali Nationalism,** an enquiry into the genesis of nationalism in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Titas Prokashani. February, 1978.

Edited Books in Bengali

- 1995** **Women of Bangladesh,** a collection of nine articles of reputed researchers on the status of women in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Chardik. February, 1995
- 1995** **On the Blasphemy Law,** a collection of articles on then-proposed Blasphemy law. Dhaka: Ankur Prokashani. February, 1995.
- 1995** **Communalism and Fundamentalism,** a compilation of seven articles on the rise of fundamentalism in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Ankur Prokashani. February, 1995.

Research Monograph in Bengali

- 1995** **Investigative Reporting in Daily Newspapers of Bangladesh.** Dhaka: Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication. March 1995. (In Bengali)
- 1994** Handbook/ **Investigative and Interpretative Reporting Handbook.** Dhaka: Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication. 1994. (In Bengali)

Research Articles in English

- 2009** ‘Bangladesh: 2008 Elections and Democracy,’ *South Asia Journal*, No. 25, July-September 2009.
- ‘Interactions of “Transnational” and “Local” Islam in Bangladesh’, in *Transnational Islam in South and Southeast Asia: Movements, Networks, and Conflict Dynamics*, NBR Project Report, Washington and Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, April 2009,
- 2008** “Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasreen Saga in 1994 and 2007” *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)*, Special Issue – No. 2, ‘Outraged Communities’: Comparative Perspectives on the Politicization of Emotions in South Asia. URL : <http://samaj.revues.org/document1262.html>.
- 2007** “The State-Society Relationship and Political Conflicts in Nepal (1768-2005)” *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 42, no 2, April 2007 [co-author Subho Basu]
- 2006** “Crippled Caretaker”, *Himal South Asia*, August 2006.

- 'Bangladesh', *Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics*, Vol 1, Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006. pp. 257-259
- 'Bangladesh in 2005: Standing at a Crossroads', *Asian Survey*, Vol 46. No. 1, January/February 2006.
- 2005** 'Beyond the Tilt: US Initiatives to Dissipate Bangladesh Movement in 1971', *History Compass*, 3 (2005), December 2005.
- 'Global Jihad, Sectarianism and The Madrassahs in Pakistan', Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Working paper No. 85. August 2005
- 'Traditional institutions as tools of political Islam in Bangladesh: *Salish* and *Fatwa*', *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 40. No 3, June 2005.
- 'Minorities in Bangladesh: The Enemy Within? An enquiry into the causes of violence against religious minorities in Bangladesh', *Asian Profile*, Vol. 33, No. 3 June 2005.
- 'Bangladesh 2004: The Politics of Vengeance and the Erosion of Democracy'. *Asian Survey*, Vol 45. No. 1, January/February 2005.
- 2003** 'God Willing': The Politics and Ideology of Islamism in Bangladesh,' *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, Vol. 23, Nos.1, 2003 (Bengali translation of the article is published in *Bangla Journal*, Vol 3, no 1, 2005)
- 2002** 'Nations, Nation-State and Politics of Muslim Identity in South Asia', *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, Vol. 22, Nos. 1-2, 2002
- 1998** 'Bangladesh Press: Contours and Contents'. *Asian Profile*, Vol.26. No 4. December 1998.
- 'Two Trends in Analyzing the Military Rule in Bangladesh'. *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*. Vol. 30, No.1, January-March 1998.
- 1997** 'Telecommunications in Economic Growth of Malaysia'. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*. Vol. 27, No. 4. December 1997.
- 'Role of Telecommunications in Economic Growth: Proposal for an Alternative Framework of Analysis'. *Media, Culture & Society*. Vol. 19, No. 4, October 1997
- 1995** 'Social Myth and (Re)Presentation of Gender in Television: Some Preliminary Observations'. *Dhaka University Studies*. Vol. 52; No.1 June 1995.
- 'Taslima Nasrin: Breaking the Structured Silence'. *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*. Vol 25, No. 1; Jan-Mar 1995.
- 1994** "The 'New Cold War' (?) and The Role of the US in the 1990s'. *Proceedings of the 1993 BAAS-USIS Regional American Studies Conference*. Edited by Fakrul Islam, Shamsul I

- Khan and Niaz Zaman. December 1994. Dhaka: Bangladesh Association of American Studies and USIS.
- ‘The Political Economy of the Child Labour Deterrence Act, 1993’. *Human Rights Journal*. Vol.2, No. 1 & 2, 1994. Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh.
- 1993** ‘Twenty-Three Years of Television Programming of Bangladesh Television (1966-1989).’ *Asian Journal of Communication*, Bi-annual journal of AMIC, Singapore. Vol 3 No 2, 1993.
- 1991** ‘A Critical Analysis of International News Flow Studies’. *Dhaka University Studies*. Part A, Vol 48 No. 1, June 1991.
- 1990** ‘Why Media Product Assumes a Given Shape: A Theoretical Inquiry.’ *Dhaka University Studies*. Part A, Vol 47 No 2, December 1990.
- 1989** ‘Continuity and Change: Development Communication Paradigms.’ *Dhaka University Studies* Vol 46 No 1, June 1989.

Book Chapters in Bengali:

- 2002** Globalism, Information Capital and Mass Media (Globalism, Thottopuji O Gonomadhyam). In *Mass Media and Society*, Edited by: Gitiara Nasrin, Mofizur Rahman and Sitara Parvin. Dhaka: Srabon Prokashani, March 2002
- 1999** Interpretative Reporting (Bekhyamulak Reporting), In *Journalism*, edited by Muhammad Jahangir, Dhaka: Mowla Brothers, Second Edition, February 1999.

Research Articles in Bengali:

- 1994** Military and Politics: Some Shortcomings of Mainstream Analysis (Samarik Bahini O Rajniti: Muldharar Bekhyer Koyekti Trutir Dik) *Somaj Niriskhyan*, Journal of Centre for Social Studies, Dhaka University. No. 51, February, 1994.
- 1988** Women's Image in State-Controlled Media (Rashtriya Niyantaranadhin Gonomadhyame Nari Protima), *Dhaka University Patrika*. Journal of Dhaka University.No. 30, February 1988.

Non-Refereed Articles in Bengali:

- 2009** ‘Obama’s Inaugural Speech: What Will We Remember?’ *Daily Prothom Alo* (Dhaka, in Bengali), 23 January 2009.
- ‘Bigger the Victory, Greater the Responsibilities,’ *Daily Shamokal* (Dhaka, in Bengali), 4 January 2009.
- 2008** ‘Expectations of a New Political Culture’, *Daily Prothom Alo* (Dhaka, in Bengali), 29 December 2008

‘Nepal’s Future Foreign Policy,’ *International Affairs Forum*, Center for International Relations, Washington D.C., 25 May 2008, <http://www.ia-forum.org/Content/ForumContent.cfm?ForumTopicID=25>

‘Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh: What’s to be Done’, *Progressive Bangladesh*, www.ProgressiveBangladesh.org , 20 March 2008
http://www.progressivebangladesh.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=124&Itemid=26

2007 ‘Reforms Centered on Individuals Won’t Work,’ *Daily Prothom Alo* (Dhaka, in Bengali), 29 April 2007

‘Reform, Constitution and the State,’ *Daily Shamokal* (Dhaka, in Bengali), 31 May 2007

2003 ‘Islamist Politics in Bangladesh and the Crisis of Hegemony of the Ruling Class.’ *Aneek*, Bengali bi-monthly journal published from Kolkata, India. Sept-Oct, 2003

Research Projects

May 2000 – December 2000

Member, Research Team, Social Survey Research (SRS), Citizens Report Card Survey, an assessment of quality of the urban service delivery in four metropolitan cities in Bangladesh, Funded by the World Bank, Report submitted in February 2001.

December 2000 – May 2001

Member, Research Team, Social Survey Research (SRS), The Governance and the Institutional Quality Survey, Nation-wide survey of the state of governance and quality of services of public sectors and specialized NGOs. Funded by the World Bank, Report submitted in June 2001.

October 1994- March 1995

Principal Investigator, Investigative Reporting in Daily Newspapers of Bangladesh. Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication Funded by the Asia Foundation. Report published in 1995.

July 1994- December 1994

Principal Author, Investigative and Interpretative Reporting Handbook Project. Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication. Funded by the Asia Foundation. Report published in 1994.

June 1994- September 1994

Principal Investigator, Role of Telecommunications in Economic Growth in Singapore and Malaysia, Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore.

Invited Seminars/Lectures/Workshops/Testimony

2009 *Islamization of Public Sphere in Bangladesh*, Seminar on “South Asian Islam in Global Context,” Tufts University (Center for South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies), 2 May 2009.

- Religion as a Political Ideology in South Asia*, Symposium on “The Politics of Religion in South Asia and Southeast Asia”, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore National University, Singapore, 24 March 2009.
- 2008** *Testimony to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) on Bangladesh*, Washington D.C. 4 December 2008.
- Little Known, Much Discussed: Madrassahs in South Asia*, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, New York, 18 November 2008.
- Reforming Islamic Seminaries in Pakistan: Journey in a Circular Path?* South Asia Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 17 November 2008.
- Does South Asia Matter?* Academy of Seniors, Illinois State University Alumni Services; (a series of four lectures); Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 21 Oct, 23 Oct, 28 Oct, 30 Oct 2008.
- Bangladesh in 2008: A New Beginning or the Return of the Ancien Régime?* Resource paper presentation at the Informal Consultation on Bangladesh, Conflict Prevention and Peace forum (CPPF) of the Social Science Research Council, New York, 12 July 2008.
- Why Study Madrassahs? Islamic Seminaries in South Asia*, India Studies Lecture, Indian Studies Program, Indiana University, 11 April 2008.
- Democracy in Bangladesh: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back*. Center for South Asian Studies Scholarly Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; 14 March 2008
- Bangladesh: Political Dynamics and Counterterrorism Issues*, Seminar on Bangladesh, Department of State, USG, Washington D.C. 11 January 2008
- 2007** *Impact of Climate Change on Bangladesh*. Climate Change and Regional Security Workshop, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 11-13 December 2007.
- Rise of Religious Extremism in South Asia*, South Asia Conference, North Carolina Central University, 16 November 2007
- Bangladesh: Democracy at a Crossroads*, panel presentation at Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C. 28 September 2007. (Panelist included John Gastright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State).
- Bangladesh Today: Under the Shadow of Uncertainty*, Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), London, 17 July 2007.
- Islamist Politics in Bangladesh: An Overview*. Conference on Dynamics, Debates, and Transformations in a Globalized World, Virginia, 31 May- 1 June 2007.
- Scenarios of the Future of Bangladesh Politics*, Workshop on Bangladesh’s Future, US Department of State, Washington D.C. 20- 21 June 2007

- Bangladesh: Crises Unending?* Case Study - Bangladesh, The Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 5 April 2007
- Bangladesh in 2007: Saving Democracy from the Politicians?* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security (ACDIS). 30 January 2007.
- Media and Politics: Old Habits and New Realities*, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Stamford University Dhaka, Bangladesh. 10 January 2007
- 2006** *Deobandi and Tablighi Groups in South Asia*, Conference on Understanding Differences in Islamic Movement, Virginia, 13-14 November 2006.
- Bangladesh Barometer: Impending national elections amidst political conflict and rising Islamism*. Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington D.C. 24 October 2006.
- Reforming Pakistani Madrassahs: What's New?* Seminar presentation. Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 20 July 2006
- Not Alone: The Dynamics of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh*. Seminar presentation. Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 18 July 2006
- Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslims*, Workshop, Southeastern Center for Intercultural Studies, Presbyterian College Clinton, South Carolina, 2 May 2006.
- New Politics in the Muslim World: Islamic Fundamentalism or Islamism?* Talk at the Politics Forum, Northern Arizona University, 15 March 2006
- Roots and Prospects for Religious Extremism*, paper presented at the Bangladesh; Issues of Political Stability and Islamic Radicalization The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA, London 23 February 2006.
- Bangladesh in 2006: Quo Vadis?* Paper presented as the backgrounder for Informal meeting on Bangladesh organized by the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Social Science Research Council, New York, 3 February 2006
- Confronting the Menace: Religious Extremism and Religious Minorities in Bangladesh*, Presentation at US AID Dhaka Office, Bangladesh. 3 January 2006.
- 2005** *The Crisis of Hegemony and Political Islam in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at Symposium on the Politics of Religion: Nation, Identity and Difference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 3 November 2005
- Looking to 2006: Governance, Corruption and Tenor of Politics*, Conference on "Bangladesh through 2010," organized by Centra Technology on behalf of the USG. 8 September 2005, Arlington, Virginia.

- Radical Islam in Bangladesh.* Paper presented at the Conference on Islamic Trends in Bangladesh organized by the US Department of State, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, 24 January 2005.
- 2004** *The Future of Political Islam in Bangladesh*, keynote speaker, organized as book talk, Organized by Muktoforum, New York, 25 September 2004
- 2003** *The Usefulness of Bangladeshi Politics Abroad.* Keynote speaker, Organized by Muktoforum, New York, 27 September 2003
- 2002** *Islam and Crisis of Identity in South Asia*, International and Global Studies Seminar, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 16 October 2002
- Afghanistan: from Marx, Mujahedeen, Mullah and Mayhem to Money and Market?* Mornings with the professors, Senior Professionals of Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 4 October 2002
- 1996** *Future of Democracy in Bangladesh.* Conference on Democratic Development in Bangladesh. South Asia Network, Berlin, Germany. 17 August 1996.
- 1994** *Social Myth and (Re)presentation of Gender in Media.* Seminar Presentation, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, 19 September 1994.
- Taslima Nasrin: Breaking the Silence and Arguing With the Crocodile.* Seminar Presentation. National University of Singapore, Sociology Department. 15 September 1994.
- The Role of Media in Constructing Gender.* Seminar presentation School of Communication Studies. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 24 August 1994.
- Telecommunication Infrastructure and economic growth in Singapore and Malaysia: In search of an alternative framework of analysis.* Seminar Presentation, ISEAS. 5 August 1994.

Conference Presentations:

- 2008** *Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasreen Saga in 1994 and 2007*, paper presented at the conference on “Outraged Communities: Investigating the Politicisation of Emotions in South Asia”, organized by South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal, the Musée du Quai Branly, the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris, 25-26 September 2008.
- Transnational Islam in Bangladesh*, Workshop presentation, National Bureau of Asian Research (Seattle, USA) and RSIS (Singapore), Singapore, 25-26 June.
- 2007** *Bangladesh: Democracy in Peril or the Emergence of a New Order?* Paper presented at the 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 11-14 October.

- Islamic Parties and Democracy in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL, 30 August – 2 September.
- The Dynamics of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). Boston. 22-15 March.
- 2006** *Portrayal of Pakistani Madrassahs in Western Press*, Paper presented at the International Studies Conference- Midwest, St; Louis,, MO, 3-5 November.
- Understanding Madrassahs: Beyond Security Concerns*, Paper presented at the at the 35th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 20-22 October 2006.
- Reforming Pakistani Madrassahs: Déjà vu?* 55th Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 20-21 October 2006.
- Madaris Education in Bangladesh: Continuity and Change* Paper presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, 4 April – 9 April 2006.
- 2005** *The State-Society Relationships and Political Conflicts in Nepal*, [co-authored with Subho Basu] Paper presented at the Conference on ‘Religious And Social Fragmentation And Economic Development In South Asia’, Cornell University, 15-16 October 2005.
- The Dangerous Liaison: Madrassahs and the Militant Islamism in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the at the 34th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 6-9 October 2005
- ‘We do not see any sign or hope:’ *U.S.-Bangladesh Contacts in 1971*, Paper presented at the Conference on South Asia in Crisis: United States Policy, 1961-1972 organized by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Historian. 28-29 June 2005.
- Pakistan’s Madrassahs: Teaching the Alphabets of Jihad?*” Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 31 March - 3 April 2005.
- 2004** *Micro-Finance, Empowerment and Social Capital: Experience from Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the at the 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 15-17 October 2004
- Does Social Capital Matter in Development?* 53rd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1-3 October 2004
- Promoting Political Science Student Research with an Annual Conference and an On-line Student Journal*. [co-authored with Professor Gary Klass], Poster presentation at 100th Annual APSA Meeting, Chicago. 2-5 September 2004.
- 2003** *Bengali Muslim Identity and Bangladesh Politics: Re-inventing Muslimness?* Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 24-26 October 2003

Muslim Identity and Politics of Islam in Bangladesh, paper presented on a panel on Identity Politics in Bengals at the 36th Bengal Studies Conference, Irving, Texas, 4-6 April 2003

1995 – 1990

Crucifixion and Resurrection of Islam in Bangladesh: A Power Game. Paper presented at the international conference on Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future. Organized by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Oriental Studies, and North London University. London, 13-15 December, 1995.

The New Cold War(?) and the Role of the US in the 1990s. Paper presented at the First American Studies Regional Conference, Bangladesh Association for American Studies & USIS, Dhaka, Bangladesh. 16-18 November 1993.

Future of Democracy in Bangladesh. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC), California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. 19-21 June 1992.

Military Regimes in Pakistan and Bangladesh: Similarities in Political Processes. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of Western Conference and 19th Annual Meeting of Southwestern Conference of Association for Asian Studies. 12-13 October 1990, Austin, Texas.

Bangladesh Revolution: Conflict Between State and Dominant Class(es)? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC). June 29-July 1, 1990, Stanford University, California.

Intervention of Military in Bangladesh Politics. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), 5-8 April 1990. Chicago.

Telecommunications in the Pacific Hemisphere: Catalysts and Conduit for the Reorganization of Capitalism. Paper co-authored with Yeap Soon Beng and Michael Ogden of the UH, presented at the Conference of the East Asian Affairs Council, Columbia University on Current Economic and Political trends in the Asia-Pacific Region. 31 March 1990, Columbia University, New York.

Is Defense Expenditure a Predictor of Military Rule? A Study of Three South Asian Countries. Paper Presented at the 7th Annual Spring Symposium, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, 14-16 March 1990.

Foreign News Coverage on Bangladesh Television: An Analysis of News Content and Selection. Paper co-authored with Dr. Richard C Vincent for presentation at the 40th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA). 24-29 June 1990, Dublin Ireland.

Chairperson of or discussant on a panel:

2009 Discussant, “Explosions of Democracy: Conflict and Consensus in New Modalities of Governance in South Asia”, *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)*, Chicago, 26-29 March, 2009.

- 2008** Panelist, Roundtable on *Election and the Future of Bangladesh*, organized by Daily *Prothom Alo*, the leading Bengali daily newspaper, 20 December 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Panelist, Roundtable on *Election, Democracy and Future Bangladesh* organized by Daily *Prothom Alo*, the leading Bengali daily newspaper, 5 January 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2007** Chair, “Emerging Issues in Bangladesh”, 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 11 -14 October, 2007
- Panelist, “Target: Iran? Is Another War Imminent?” Global Review. Illinois State University, 1 March 2007
- 2006** Panelist, “Cartoon Controversy: Freedom of Expression or Religious Sensitivity?” International Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University. 1 March 2006
- 2005** Panelist, “What is Terrorism? Why Terrorism?” Panel discussion organized by the Muktoforum (Open Forum), New York. 16 April 2005
- Panelist, “Images of Muslims in Today’s Media”. Society of Professional Journalist, ISU Chapter. Illinois State University. 13 April 2005
- Panelist, “The United Nations and Global Security.” Hosted by Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) and the Stanley Foundation. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 5 April 2005
- Panelist, “Elections in Palestine and Iraq: A Panel Discussion’. International Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University. 9 March 2005
- Panelist, “Countering Arab/Muslim Stereotypes”. Global Review. Illinois State University. 3 February 2005
- Panelist, “Future of US Development Aid”, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, Organized by Americans for Informed Democracy. 21 February 2005
- 2003** Moderator, ‘*Prospects of Peace in the Middle East: Breaking the cycle of violence*’, A panel discussion, International and Global Studies Seminar, Illinois State University, 19 November, 2003
- Chair, Roundtable, ‘*Lost in a Nuclear Jungle: Dilemmas of West/South Asia*’, 52nd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, 10-12 October 2003
- Discussant, panel on ‘*Particularistic Political Culture: The Case of Indonesia and the Philippines*’, 52nd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, 10-12 October 2003
- Moderator, *Perspectives on Post-September 11*, A panel discussion, Unit for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Illinois State University, 11 September 2003
- Panelist, ‘*Shaping Post-War Iraq: Options and Concerns*’, Global Review, Illinois State University, 1 May 2003

Panelist, '*Shaping Post-War Iraq: Options and Concerns*', International and Global Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University, 30 April 2003

Panelist, '*Representing the War: The Media and the War in Iraq*', International Studies, Unit for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Illinois State University, 8 April 2003

2002 Chair, Seminar on '*Women Rights in Bangladesh*', Organized by www.worldnewsbank.com, New York, 6 October 2002.

Panelist, '*Critical Reflections On September 11: And The Politicization Of Religion. A Discussion with Middle Eastern and South Asian Scholars at Illinois State University*'. Panel Discussion, International Studies Program. ISU, 1 October 2002

Scholarships/Fellowships/Grants/Honors

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Illinois State University, Summer 2007, Project: *Living on the Margin: A study of the Borderlands*.

Excellence in Teaching Award 2006, Pi Sigma Alpha, Illinois State University.

Research Enhancement Award, 2006-2007, Illinois State University.

Outstanding College Researcher Award 2005, College of Arts and Sciences. Illinois State University.

Dean's Award for Outstanding Scholarship 2004. College of Arts and Sciences. Illinois State University.

PFIG Grant, Illinois State University, Summer 2004, Project: Pakistan's Madrassahs: Teaching Jihad?

NFIG Grant, Illinois State University, Summer 2003, Project: 'Trade and Commerce in Pre-Colonial Bengal: Catalyst and Conduit of Transformation?'

Special Recognition for Services, Claflin University, South Carolina, 2002.

South-Southeast Asian Relations Fellowship, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. June 1994- September 1994. Research Project: 'Telecommunication Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Singapore and Malaysia'.

Werner Levi Award, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii. Spring, 1993.

Bangladesh Doctoral Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, 1992.

Who's Who International Student Certificate of Merit, 1990.

East West Center Honor Award, 1990.

East West Center Degree Student Fellowship, July 1987 - December 1991.

Media Engagements

I regularly contribute political commentaries to leading Bangladeshi newspaper Prothom Alo; and interviewed by national and international media on South Asian politics, particularly on Bangladesh, and US politics including its implications for global politics. Below are some examples of recent media engagements:

1. Regular contributor to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) World Service, Bengali Service on Bangladeshi and US politics.
For example, see: High stakes in Bangladesh protests, 23 August 2007;
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6959779.stm
2. Regular contributor to Voice of America (VOA) Bengali Service on Bangladeshi and US politics. For example See:
Hello Washington: Recently Held Upazilla Election in Bangladesh, 28 January 2009
<http://www.voafanti.com/gate/big5/www.voanews.com/bangla/2009-01-24-voa8.cfm>
Hello Washington: USA: Transition /Inauguration, 14 January 2009,
<http://www.voanews.com/bangla/2009-01-10-voa7.cfm>
Victor Should be Modest, Vanquished Graceful, 28 December 2008;
<http://www.voanews.com/bangla/2008-12-28-voa4.cfm>
Dr. Ali Riaz Analyzes President Bush's State of the Union Message, 29 January 2008
<http://www.voanews.com/bangla/archive/2008-01/2008-01-29-voa4.cfm>
3. Quoted in TIME, "Bangladesh: Ready to Vote Again", 12 December 2008,
<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1866072,00.html>
4. Quoted in USA Today, "US is low key about alleged Bangladeshi crackdown", 14 June 2008,
http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2008-06-14-3756708338_x.htm
5. Quoted in Village Voice, New York, "Freedom Fighter or Terrorist? The US Can't Decide about Bangladeshi Immigrant Sachin Karmakar", 11 November 2008,
<http://www.villagevoice.com/2008-11-12/news/freedom-fighter-or-terrorist-the-us-can-t-decide-about-bangladeshi-sachin-karmakar/3>
6. Quoted in New York Times, "Bangladesh Blast Kills One and Hurts 30", 2 December 2005,
<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9904EFDF1231F931A35751C1A9639C8B63>

External Grants Applied for

- 2007** Applied for a grant to the Smith Richardson Foundation. Title: Madrassahs in Bangladesh: Security Threat or Social Institutions?
- 2006** Applied for a NEH Faculty Workshop Grant with Professor Julie Webber and T.Y Wang. Title: Understanding Muslims and Contemporary Islam.
- 2005** Applied for NEH Grant with Professor Julie Webber and T. Y Wang. Title: Expanding the American Curriculum: Understanding the Muslim World

2004 Applied for a solicited grant to the US Institute of Peace, Co-PI Professors Hassan Muhammadi (Economics) and T.Y.Wang. Title: “Bridging the Divides: Understanding the Muslim World”.

Thesis Supervision:

Member, Thesis Committee, Ik Kim, Graduated: Fall 2008.
Title: “Regional Affiliation and Its Effects on Voting Behavior in South Korea”

Chair, Thesis Committee, Daniel Evans, Graduated: Fall 2007
Title: “State Building Intervention and the United States”

Member, Thesis Committee, Nagabhusan Das, Graduated: Spring 2007
Title: “Killing the Tigers Politically: An Analysis of the East Asian Financial Crisis”

Chair, Thesis Committee, Melanie Parkhurst. Graduated: Fall 2005
Title: “The Value of Non-material Wealth: A Critique of Microcredit in the United States as a Vehicle for the Empowerment of Women.”

Chair, Thesis Committee, Anthony R DiMaggio. Graduated: Summer 2005.
Title: “Mass Media, Mass Propaganda: Understanding the News in a Time of Terror.”
(Thesis received Departmental distinction).

Member, Thesis Committee, Daniel Chand. Graduated: Summer, 2005.
Title: “Where the Green Money grows: Ecotourism in Gabon.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Morag Boyd. Graduated: Spring 2005.
Title: “Internet Based Political Structures: Mediating Individuals, Communities, States and Political Action.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Veronica Panizzi. Graduated: Spring, 2005.
Title: “The World Social Forum and Global Democracy.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Dawn Peterson. Graduated Summer 2004.
Title: “The Politics of Integration into the Global Capitalist Economy: The Cases of Brazil and China.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Jude Geiger, Graduated Spring 2003.
Title: ‘The Semiotics of War: An Analysis of the Events of September 11.’
(Theses received Departmental Distinction).

Capstone Projects

Supervisor, Capstone Project of Ian Schwab, Graduated: Fall 2007
Title: “Predatory Lending and Community Development.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Tim Johnson. Graduated: Summer 2007
Title: “Restructuring and ‘Incentivizing’ Public Housing: Case Study of Milwaukee, WI.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Amanda Hudson. Graduated: Spring 2007
Title: "Job Training and Economic Development in Chicago."

Supervisor, Capstone project of Donna Hamilton. Graduated: Fall 2006
Title: "Successful Strategies for Revitalization of Distressed Neighborhoods and the Augmentation of Affordable Housing."

Supervisor, Capstone project of Danny Santivaschi. Graduated: Fall 2005
Title: "Contemporary Community Development: The Practical Implications of Changing Ideology."

Supervisor, Capstone project of Peggy Benz, Graduated: Fall 2004.
Title: "The Role of NGOs in Housing Opportunities for Disabled."

Supervisor, Capstone project of Matt McCleary, Graduated: Spring 2004.
Title: "The difficulties of implementing public input into local government decision-making."

Consultancy

2009 Consultant, Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Project: "Baseline Survey of Citizen's Perception of the Media in Bangladesh", 15 April – 30 July 2009

Consultant, *Social Science Research Council*, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. New York, USA, Dec 2008 - March 2009; Briefing paper analyzing the Bangladesh elections 2008.

2008 Consultant, *Social Science Research Council*, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. New York, USA, Feb - March 2008, Briefing paper analyzing the prospects and problems of Bangladesh politics with special reference to the preparation for the general elections to be held in 2008.

2007 Consultant, *Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholar*, Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, March – July 2007.

2005-2006 Consultant, *Social Science Research Council*, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. New York, USA. 11 November 2005 – 31 January 2006. Advising the CPPF on preparation and implementation of a meeting on Bangladesh and writing a brief concept paper outlining the key challenges facing Bangladesh in the year ahead.

2005 External Consultant, DFID. For *Political and Risk Analysis for Department for International Development (DFID, UK), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan and the World Bank Common Support for Bangladesh Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan (PRSP)*, April 29- May 15, 2005

2005- 2006 Consultant, Religious Extremism and Minorities, *South Asian Policy Analysis Group*, the South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA). July 1, 2005 – June 1, 2006.

Services to International Organizations

Country Expert, *Bertelsmann Transformation Index 2010*, Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany, 2009

Country Evaluator, *Bertelsmann Transformation Index 2008*, Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany, 2007

Member, *International Expert Network on Islamism*, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland, 2006

Reviewer, South Asia Conference, *Institute of South Asian Studies*, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 2006

Professional Services

Member, *Executive Committee, Midwestern Conference on South Asian Affairs (MCAA)*; 2008-2010.

Reviewer, Grant Proposal, *John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation*, New York, 2006

Reviewer, Grant Proposal, *Smith Richardson Foundation*, Westport, CT, 2006

Reviewer, Book Manuscript, *C. Hurst & Co. (Publishers) Ltd.* London, England, 2006

Reviewer, *Special Report*, Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C. 2006

Reviewer, *Asian Survey*. 2005- current

Reviewer, *Comparative Politics*, published by State University of New York. 2007

Reviewer, *Journal of South Asian Development*, published by Sage Publications. 2007

Reviewer, *Journal of Asian and African Studies (JAAS)*, published by Sage Publications. 2005 - current

Book Review editor, Asia, *Journal of Asian and African Studies (JAAS)* (Sage Publications), 2005 - current

Book Review Editor, South Asia, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (Duke University Press), 2003-2006

Reviewer, *Critical Asian Studies* (Routledge), 2002 - current

Reviewer, *Asian Survey* (University of California Press), 2004 - current

Reviewer, *Political Studies* (Journal of UK Political Studies Association, Blackwell Publications)

Reviewer, *Asian Security*

Editor, *Critique*, student journal of politics, hosted by the Department of Politics and Government, Illinois State University. August 2003 – July 2007

Member of Organizing Committee, Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, October 10-12, 2003.

University Services

Member, University Review Committee, Illinois State University, 2005- 2007

Member and Chair, Council on General Education, Illinois State University, 2004-2007

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Politics and Government, 2004-2006

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Politics and Government, 2003-2005

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Politics and Government, 2003-2004

Board Member, The Adlai Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development, Illinois State University, 2002 – current.