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### AFFILIATION

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University July 2021

### EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia May 2021

Dissertation Title: "Tax-evading Politicians, Public Goods Provision and Public Health"

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M.A., Policy Economics, Williams College June 2014

B.S.S. & M.S.S., Economics, University of Dhaka 2009, 2010

### FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Development Economics, Political Economy, Environmental Economics, Public Policy, and Health Economics

### WORKING PAPERS (SELECTED):

"Dishonesty and public goods provision: A tale of tax evading politicians" (Job Market Paper)

"Balancing lives and livelihoods using contagion risk based COVID-19 management: A study on Bangladesh", with A. Shonchoy (FIU) & T. Mahmud (TTU) (in review with Bulletin of the World Health Organization)

"Size and growth of middle class in Bangladesh: Trends, drivers and policy implications", with Binayak Sen (BIDS, IFPRI) & Iqbal Hossain (U of Manitoba)

### WORK IN PROGRESS (SELECTED):

"Honesty versus competence, do voters care? Experimental evidence from local elections in Bangladesh"

"Impact of community clinics: Unfolding the mystery of health progress in Bangladesh", with A. Hossain (UVA)

"E-procurement and violence: Evidence from a developing country", with Hanna Charankevich (UVA)

### RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

*Research Assistant* for Professor Sheetal Sekhri (Economics), Professor Debaere (Darden Business School), 2016-2019

Professor Jay Shimshack (Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy); University of Virginia

*Research Associate*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies 2011-2015

*Research Assistant*, Innovation for Poverty Action (IPA) 2015

*Research Associate*, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) 2009-2011

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

*Instructor*, University of Virginia, ECON 3010, Intermediate Microeconomics Summer 2019

*Instructor*, SANEM (Bangladesh), Training on impact evaluation of quasi-experimental research January 2019

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Virginia 2016-2020

ECON 3010, Intermediate Microeconomics; ECON 3720, Introduction to Econometrics

ECON 2010, Introductory Microeconomics; ECON 3559, Everyday Economics

*Lecturer*, American International University of Bangladesh, Intermediate Microeconomics 2011-12

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Southern Economic Association (SEA) 90th Annual Meeting	Nov 2020
Workshop on the Political Economy of South Asia (WPESA)	Nov 2020
Online Sciathon, a global competition hosted by the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings	June 2020
Quantitative Collaboration (QC) virtual poster session, University of Virginia	Apr 2020
Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UC-Berkeley	Mar 2020
Urban Economics Association, Federal Reserve Bank, Philadelphia	Oct 2019
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> World Bank-SANEM Discussion Forum, World Bank, Washington D.C	2017-19
Young Economists Symposium (YES), New York University	Aug 2018
2nd George Washington University Student Research Conference in Economics	Mar 2018
7th South Asian Training program on CGE Modeling at Kathmandu, Nepal	Dec 2014

## SELECTED AWARDS:

Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia (\$15,000)	2020-2021
Quantitative Collaboration Grant, University of Virginia (\$2,500)	2019-2020
Global Infectious Disease (GDI) Grant, with Amzad Hossain (UVA), University of Virginia (\$5,000)	2019
UVA Marshall Jevons Undergraduate Research Award, University of Virginia	2018
Government Initiative award, with Jessica Leight (IFPRI, Williams College), JPAL (\$40,000)	2015
US Fulbright Scholarship in the field of Economics, Williams College	2013-2014

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (PRE PH.D.)

“An integrated analysis of climate change impacts on economic development and food security in Bangladesh”, (co-authored), Volume 06, Issue 01, Climate Change Economics (World Scientific)	Feb 2015
“Political economy of policy and implementation in the Bangladesh health sector: Implications for reducing maternal mortality” (qualitative paper), ESID Working Paper No. 133, The University of Manchester	Jan 2020
“Toward 2021: Examining Drivers of Change in Bangladesh”, (co-authored), Bangladesh Development Studies, Volume XXXVIII, March 2015, Num. 1	Mar 2015
“Lagging districts development of Bangladesh”, Background Study Paper for Preparation of the Seventh Five-Year Plan of Bangladesh” (co-authored), Published by Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning	Jan 2015
“Productivity and Efficiency of Rice Mills in Bangladesh: Economic, Social and Food Security Implications” (co-authored), BIDS policy Brief, Number 1402, funded by IFPRI	Apr 2014

## LANGUAGES

Bengali (native), English (fluent), Hindi (intermediate), Urdu (intermediate)  
STATA, Python, GAMS, ArcGIS, R, LaTeX

## LEADERHIP & IN MEDIA

President, Graduate Economics Club, Department of Economics, University of Virginia	2017-18
Executive Member, Association of Bangladeshi students, University of Virginia	2016-17
Student Representative, South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM)	2009-10
Moderator, United Nations National Youth Forum, Bangladesh	2008-10
Lecture on Plagiarism, US cultural center, US embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh	Jul 2015
Lecture on success on higher studies, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka	Dec 2017
<a href="#">Interview on higher studies and human capital on national channel, Bangladesh</a>	Jan 2019
<a href="#">Bengali article on covid-19 in leading newspaper of Bangladesh</a>	Apr 2020
Field coordinator, Bangladesh Population Census 2011, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics	2011
Co-facilitator on effective problem solving & time management, training given to FAO, UN, Kathmandu, Nepal	2008