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### **Education**

- 2014 Doctor of Philosophy, Social Anthropology, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2002 Master of Arts, Sociology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1990 Master of Social Science, Sociology, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1989 Bachelor of Social Science (Honours), Sociology, Minors in Philosophy and Political Science, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **Full-Time Teaching Positions**

- August 2016- to date Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2015 to 2016 (June-Aug) Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2014 to 2015 (Dec-June) Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2007 -2009(Nov-Dec) Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 1999-2007(Mar-Nov) Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 1996-1999 (Mar-Mar) Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh

### **Part-Time Teaching and Research Positions (Bangladesh and Canada)**

- 2019 (June-Dec) Part-time Teaching Faculty, Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, University Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2019 (Jan-April) Adjunct Faculty, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2018 (June-Dec) Part-time Teaching Faculty, Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, University Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2017 (Jan-Dec) Part-time Teaching Faculty, Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, University Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2017 (Jan-June) Part-Time Teaching Faculty, Department of Peace and Conflict, University of Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2016 (Jan-June) Part-Time Teaching Faculty, Department of Peace and Conflict, University of Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2010 (Jan- Apr) Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- 2002-2007 Teaching Assistant/ Research Assistant/ Graduate Assistant, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2000-2002 Teaching Assistant/ Research Assistant, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Publications

- 2019 Property, Place and Identity: A Review of Discourses of Deforestation and Conservation in South Asian Political Ecology, 1980-2010, *Social Science Review: The Dhaka University Studies Part D* 36 (1): 25-48.
- 2018 Indigeneity, alternative development and conservation: political ecology of forest and land control in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. *In Land Rights, Biodiversity, Conservation and Justice: Rethinking Parks and People*, Sharlene Mollet and Thembla Kepe, eds., pp. 129-147. Oxon and New York: Routledge.
- 2017 Narratives of Nation, War and Peace in South Asia: An Interview with Joytindra Bodhipriya Larma of Chittagong Hill Tracts. *Kairos: A Journal of Critical Symposium*, 2 (1): 121-145.
- 2016 (Co-author). A Study Report on the Land Problem in Chittagong Hill Tracts: A Human Rights Anatomy. National Human Rights Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2011 (Co-author). Islamic Fundamentalism in Post-independence Bangladesh: Origins and Discursive Change (in Bengali). *SAMAJ NIRIKHAN* (Dhaka: Center for Social Studies) 118: 77-105.
- 2009 Constitutional Recognition of Subaltern Indigenous Communities in Bangladesh: A Critical Remark (in Bengali). *Solidarity* (Dhaka: Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum): 22-26.
- 2008 Environmental Movement in South Asia: Limits of Ecofeminism and Subaltern Resistance, *Social Science Review: The Dhaka University Studies Part D* 25 (1): 89-98.
- 2008 Politics of Identities and Resources in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh: Ethnonationalism and/or Indigenous Identity. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 36: 57-78.
- 2008 Problem of Political Representation of 'Indigenous' Peoples in the Parliament in Bangladesh. *Solidarity* (Dhaka: Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum): 97-103.
- 2007 Theories of Nations and Nationalism: An Anthropological Inquiry. *Journal of Social Studies* (Dhaka: Center for Social Studies) 116: 1-14.
- 1998 (Co-author). The Ideas and Problems of Marx's Historical Materialism: A Critique (in Bengali). *SAMAJ NIRIKHAN* (Dhaka: Center for Social Studies) 69: 1-21.

## Work in Progress

- 2020 a Game Theory and Ethnic Conflict: Explaining the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Treaty (to be submitted the Journal of Conflict Resolution)
- 2020b Frontier and Forests: The History of Forest Management and Environmental Governance in Bangladesh (to be submitted to *Environment and History*)
- 2020c Political Ecology of Marginality: Counter-insurgency and Development in The Chittagong Hill Tracts (to be submitted to *Development and Change*)

## **Research Experience**

### **Dissertation/Thesis**

- 2014 "The Making of Political Forests in the Chittagong Hill Tracts: The State, Development and Indigeneity", PhD Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, York University, Toronto, Canada.
- 2002 "Articulation and Dynamics of Jumma Nationalism in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh", MA thesis, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

### **Fieldwork experience:**

- 2008 (Sep - Oct): Interview and Meeting with Forest Officers, and Documentary Research at Forest Department Headquarters' Library, Forest Department Headquarters in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2008 (Jul-Aug.): Ethnographic fieldwork with Taungya, a local NGO of Chittagong Hill Tracts and with Chakma communities of Beganachari Village Common Forest (VCF), Rangamati, Chittagong Hill Tracts; and Documentary Research at Deputy Commissioner Office's Library, Rangamati, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh
- 2008 (Apr-Jun): Ethnographic fieldwork with Tripura forest villagers of Tain Forest Range and with Tain Forest Range, Lama Forest Division, Chittagong Hill Tracts
- 2007-2008 (Nov-Mar): Ethnographic fieldwork with Marma and Mru forest villagers of Matamuhuri Reserved Forests and with Matamuhuri Forest Range, Lama Forest Division, Chittagong Hill Tracts
- 2001 (Jun-Aug): Ethnographic fieldwork with a regional political party in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Jana Samhati Samiti (JSS) and Interviews of the Chakma chief and the members of the National Parliament from the Chakma, Chittagong Hill Tracts

### **Consultancy and Funded Research Work (with United Nations or other organizations)**

- 2017-18 National Consultant on REDD+ Policies and Measures for CHT Regions, UNDP, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2015 Land Problem in Chittagong Hill Tracts. National Human Rights Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2007- 2008 Doctoral Research Award, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
- 2006 -7 Canada Corps Internship, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Canada

## **Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations**

- 2019 “Ethnographic Writing and Doing: Continuity and Challenge,” Inaugural Lecture at the Lens of Anthropology (an anthropology reading club) in the Department of Anthropology, November 7, Organized by the Lens of Anthropology and the Department of Anthropology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 2019 “Anthropology and Ethnography: Why is Anthropology an Interesting Discipline?,” Invited Talk at the Connecting Anthropology Lecture Series, September 18, Organized by Department of Anthropology, Shaikh Burhanuddin Postgraduate College, Dhaka and CareerKi (an youth employment non-government organization), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2018 “Why Do Development Projects Fail?: An Inquiry into the Discourse and Practices of Development in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) during 1976-1997,” Paper presented at the International Conference on South Asia and Beyond, January 19-20, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2016 Representing Indigenous Peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Ethical Challenges for Visual Anthropology, Invited Lecture, Workshop on Visual Anthropology, May 17, 2017, Strengthening Post Graduate in Visual and Media Anthropology Project, Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka
- 2016 Ethnographic Research in Social Science. Invited Lecture, Workshop on Social Research, March 14, 2017 Advanced Social Science Research Centre, University of Dhaka
- 2016 Use of Ethnographic Method in Criminology, Invited Lecture, Workshop on Research Methodology in Criminology, March 31, 2017, Department of Criminology and Police Science, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Tangail, Bangladesh
- 2014 “Political Ecology of Marginality and Counter-insurgency Development,” Paper presented at the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, April 30 - May 3, York University, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 “Forest Villagers and Quest/ion of Citizenship,” Paper presented at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 15-18, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 “Making of Political Forests and Social Forestry in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh,” Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, November 16-20, Montreal, Canada
- 2009 “Levi Strauss and Bangladesh Anthropology”, Invited Speaker, Department of Anthropology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, January 27, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 2008 “Representation and Indigenous Identities”, Invited Talk, Organized by Research and Development Collectives, an NGO of Bangladesh, February 2, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2008 “Problems of Political Representation of Ethnic People in Bangladesh,” Paper presented at the Bangladesh Sociological Association Biannual Conference, August 1, LGED Bhavan, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- 2004 “Debates on Colonial Governmentality of South Asia and Beyond,” Paper presented at the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, May 5-9, London, Ontario, Canada
- 2004 “Indigenous Identity and Violence in Bangladesh,” Paper presented at the Asian Environmental Series (Fall/Winter 2003-4), York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR), March 8, York University, ON, Canada
- 2003 “Ethnonationalism in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the Articulation of Identity,” Paper presented at the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, May 8-11, Halifax, NS, Canada
- 2001 “Phari Nationalism of the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Future Research Agenda”, Paper Presented at the Seminar on Ethnicity and Development, organized by TAUNGYA, a local NGO of CHT in Bangladesh, June 10, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **Conference and Workshop Organization**

- 2014 Co-organizer, Globalizing Uncertainties: Dynamics of Diaspora and Ethnic Identity Transition in Bangladesh, Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, April 30-May 3, York University, Toronto, Canada
- 2003-4 Co-organizers, Asian Environmental Series, May 2003 to March 2004, York Centre of Asian Research, York University, Ontario, Canada

### **Scholarship, Awards and Research Support**

- 2011 PhD Completion Fund, Canadian Union of Public Employee (CUPE), York University, Canada
- 2007 Doctoral Research Award, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- 2006 Fieldwork Cost Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Canada
- 2006 Canada Corps Internship, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
- 2006 Fieldwork Cost Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2004 Graduate Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to travel to the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, London, Ontario, Canada
- 2002 - 2005 International Tuition Fee Scholarship, York University, Canada
- 2002 - 2003 York Graduate Scholarship, York University, Canada
- 2003 Graduate Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to travel to the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, May 8-11, Halifax, NS, Canada

- 2003 Professional Development Fund Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 3903, to the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, May 8-11, Halifax, NS, Canada
- 2002 Travel Grant, External Relation Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh, to attend the Graduate Program of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada
- 2000 - 2002 Graduate Scholarship, Dalhousie University, Canada
- 2001 Travel Grant, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Dalhousie University, to travel to Dhaka, Bangladesh to present at the seminar on Ethnicity and Development organized by TAUNGYA, a local NGO of CHT in Bangladesh, June 10, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **Community and University Services**

- 2015 to date External Examiner and External Research Supervisor, Mawlana Bhasani Science and Technology University, Tangail, Bangladesh
- 2016 to date: External Research Supervisor (Voluntary), Department of Theater and Performance Studies, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2017 to date Manuscript, Monograph, and Thesis Reviewers, Bangladesh Social Science Research Council (BSSRC), the Ministry of Planning, the Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka
- 2018 to date Manuscript Reviewer, Social Science Review, Faculty of Social Science, University of Dhaka, Dhaka
- 2018 to date External Examiner, Department of Sociology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 2018 to date External Examiner, Department of Sociology, Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur, Bangladesh
- 2018 to date Assistant House Tutors, Bijoy Ekattor Hall, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2019 to 2020 Expert Member, Undergraduate and Graduate Syllabus Committees, Department of Anthropology, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 2020 Manuscript Reviewer and Guest Editor for the Journal of SAGE Open, SAGE publishing
- 2019-20 External Examiner, Department of Folklore, University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi, Bangladesh
- 2018-2019 Panel Discussant and Manuscript Reviewer, Faculty of Arts' Lecture Series 2018-2019, Faculty of Arts, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2013 -2014 Executive Member, Parents' Councils, Lamberton Public School, North York, ON

- 2006 Manuscript Reviewer for the Asian Journal of Social Science, Department of Sociology, National University Singapore, Singapore
- 2007- 2009 Faculty Member, Faculty of Social Science, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 1999-2000 Executive Member, Shah Jalal University Teacher and Officer's Club, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 1998-1999 General Secretary, Shah Jalal University Teachers' Association, Sylhet Bangladesh

## **Research and Other Skills**

Research and Writing, Fieldwork, Social Survey Research, and SPSS Data Analysis; MS Word, Excel, SPSS, GIS on Google mapping, and Microsoft power point

## **Professional Training and Development**

Certificate of Completion, York University Second Annual Teaching Symposium, York University, Canada, May 1, 2014

Workshop on Syllabus Design, Department of Anthropology, York University, Canada, February 11, 2011

Student Intern, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), with Research and Development Collective, Dhaka, Bangladesh, September to December 2006

Skills Certificate in Social Survey and Social Statistic, Dalhousie University, Canada, 2001

## **Professional Association**

Asiatic Society Bangladesh, Dhaka

Bangladesh Sociological Association, Dhaka

Association for Asian Studies (ASA) (2012-2014)

Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) (2003- 2014)

York Center for Asian Research (YCAR) (2003-2014)

## References

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