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EDUCATION

University of Iowa

PhD Student, Department of Religious Studies
August 2024-May 2029

*Research Focus:
Women in
Terrorism, Conflict,
and Violent
Extremism*

University of Manchester

Master of Arts (MA) in Peace and Conflict
Studies September 2020- December 2021

Passed with 'Merit'

University of Dhaka

Master of Arts (MA) in World Religions and
Culture February 2015- June 2016

*CGPA: 3.76/4.00
(Passed with distinction)*

University of Dhaka

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in World Religions and
Culture January 2010- April 2014

*CGPA: 3.59/4.00
(Passed with distinction)*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Radicalization, Religious Extremism, Religious Violence, Interfaith Dialogue, Gender and Religion

EMPLOYMENT

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2024-date):** Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa
Course(s) Teaching: (i) Introduction to Islamic Civilization
- **Assistant Professor (November 2021-date):** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka [At present, on Study Leave]
Courses Taught (undergraduate level): (i) Religion, Peace, and Conflict, (ii) Women in World Religions, (iii) Sociology, (iv) Government and Politics
- **Lecturer (July 2017-November 2021):** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka
Courses Taught (undergraduate level): (i) Government and Politics, (ii) Christian Religious and Cultural Tradition, (iii) Chinese Thought and Culture

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Commonwealth Master's Scholarship** in the UK (2020-21) to pursue an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Manchester, UK.
- **Centennial Research Grant**, University of Dhaka (2021-22) to conduct the research project on "Female Radicalization in Bangladesh: An Investigation of its Scope, Extent, and Key Motivators Behind".
Role: Principal Investigator
- **Research Grant**, University Grants Commission, Bangladesh (2019-20) to conduct the research project on "Religious Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore: A Critical Analysis of Kabiguru's Selected Essays".
Role: Project Director
- **Research Grant**, University Grants Commission, Bangladesh (2018-19) to conduct the research project on "Violations of Religious Freedom in Bangladesh: 2012 Ramu Violence".
Role: Project Director

PUBLICATIONS

- Shahreen, Shahla, & Mostofa, Shafi Md (2024). "Female radicalisation in Bangladesh: an investigation of its scope, extent and key motivations behind", *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, 17 (2), pp. 153-175. DOI: 10.1080/17539153.2024.2320958. Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17539153.2024.2320958>
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- Shahreen, Shahla (2019). "Religious Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore: A Critical Analysis of the Poet's Selected Literatures", *Perspectives in Social Science*, vol.15, pp. 31-52. Link: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/360944141_Shahreen_Shahla_2019_Religious_Philosophy_of_Rabindranath_Tagore_A_Critical_Analysis_of_the_Poet's_Selected_Literatures_Perspectives_in_Social_Science_voll5_pp_31-52
- Chowdhury, Saber A., & Shahreen, Shahla (2018). "Rohingya Crisis and Clash of Civilizations", *Journal of Sociology*, 1(3), pp. 57-70. Link: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/360964646_Rohingya_Crisis_and_Clash_of_Civilizations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies**, Oxford, UK: “Interfaith Dialogue to Counter Radicalization in Bangladesh: An Approach to Move from Extremism to Pluralism”, March 2021. [Virtual conference]
- **International Conference on Religion and Culture in Conflict and Peace: Reconciliation and Peacebuilding in South Asia**, Lumbini, Nepal: “Interfaith Dialogue to Counter Radicalization in Bangladesh: An Approach to Move from Extremism to Pluralism”, 26-27 March 2019.

REFERENCES

1. Ahmed E. Souaiaia, PhD

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