

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

Major: **Development Economics**

Additional Courses: **Econometric Methods I and II, Micro and Macro Economics, Development Economics I and II**

Thesis Topic: **Determinants of Infant and Child Mortality: Evidence from Bangladesh, 2004**

Graduation: **September 2008**

Bachelor of Arts, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, US

Major: **Economics**

Graduation: **May 2006**

Senior Thesis Topic: **What Worked and What Didn't: A Fresh Look at the MDGs**

Overall GPA: **3.61**, *Cum Laude* (Graduated with distinction)

Major GPA: **3.79**

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Dean's List (4 Semesters) | **President's Scholarship** | **Ithaca Access Grant** | **WG Egbert Founder's Scholarship** | **OMA Academic Award** (7 Semesters) | **Member of Omicron Delta Epsilon** (National Economics Honors Society) | **Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities** (Spring 2006) | **Presented Senior Thesis at the Ithaca College Academic Symposium**

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant, World Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh *May – August 2007*

- Research on the growing regional socioeconomic disparities in Bangladesh. Report and policy suggestions based on case studies were subsequently presented to the Government of Bangladesh
- Research on the extent of changes in labor market participation and returns and their relationship with the trends in poverty
- Worked directly under the supervision of (now) one of the Lead Economists at the World Bank HQ in Washington DC (Dr. Hasaan Zaman)

Project Assistant, US Government Department of Social Services, Ithaca, NY

August 2005 – May 2007

- Configuring the homeless database to econometrically design a working model to predict patterns among the homeless living in the shelters
- Developed multiple executable databases for different departments of the organization including Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and Homeless Shelter Services to automate over 200 service forms
- Member of the Homeless Information Systems(HMIS) Subcommittee and the Continuum of Care Services Committee for Tompkins County

Research Assistant, BRAC, Dhaka, Bangladesh *January– July 2002*

- Collected and analyzed data from wage workers and self-employed workers to determine the differences between them on economic developments and growth. Collected and analyzed data from low-income group members to ascertain the level of economic development achieved through their participation in the micro-finance program
- Performed qualitative field research by interviewing approximately 200 low-income micro-finance group members

Investment Assistant, Smith Barney, CitiGroup, Ithaca, NY *August – December 2004*

- Maintained mutual fund database, client contacts and financial data concerning Smith Barney Investment portfolios
- Researched micro and macro-economical conditions and transitional periods that would require portfolio conversions
- Worked directly under the supervision of the First Vice President in Investment assisting in daily financial and administrative tasks

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Ithaca College *January 2004 – May 2006*

- Tutored students during bi-weekly Economics tutoring sessions and checked homework of students in class
- Assisted professors design in-class experiments and performed research on different economic issues

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Resident Administrator, Office of Residential Life, Ithaca College *August 2003 – August 2004*

- Responsible for the well-being of 40 residents per semester, including assisting, advising and counseling peers on occasions.
- Served on the Resident Administrator Selection Committee.

Manager of Student Employees, Computer Lab Consultant, Information Technology Services, Ithaca College *August 2005 – May 2006*

- Administered 40 student employees and the general use of computers across campus computer labs
- Assist in recruiting and training of new and existing employees
- Perform troubleshooting of user problems (faculty, staff and students) on both Windows and Macintosh platforms

Volunteer Peer Career Advisor, Office of Career Services *August 2005 – May 2006*

- Critiqued peer résumés, cover letters and assisted in job and graduate school pursuits

IT SKILLS

Database/Statistical Software: STATA, SPSS, EViews

Proficient at trouble shooting problems on both Windows and Macintosh platforms.

Expert on Microsoft Office, Macromedia Dreamweaver MX, WS-FTP and Fetch, Microsoft Visual Basic, SQL. Knowledgeable in computer hardware installation.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in English and Bangla (Native)

References:

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