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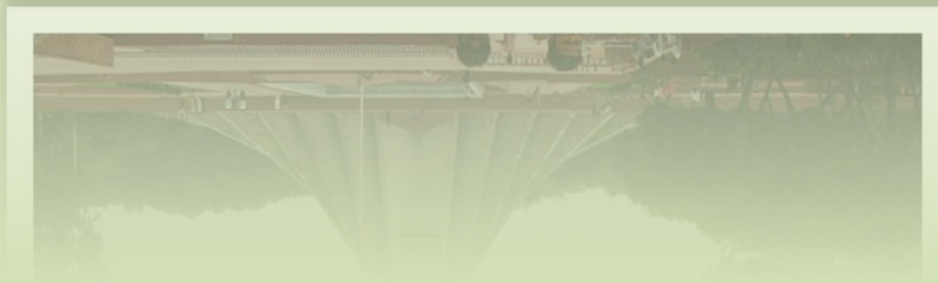


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2012-13 AIBS Fellowships

2011-2012

1. **Amanda Zongrone**

Project Title: Maternal Capacity and Child Health Outcomes: Insights from Bangladesh

Duration: 4 months

Status: Complete

2. **Roslyn Fraser**

Project Title: Exploring Solutions: The Politics and Practices of UNHCR-sponsored Resettlement

Duration: 2 months

Status: Complete

3. **Michelle Quill**

Project Title: Exploring Solutions: The Politics and Practices of UNHCR-Sponsored Resettlement

Duration: 10 months

Status: Complete

2012-2013

1. **Amy Moyer**

Project Title: Transferring training to practice: Improving primary teaching in Bangladesh

Duration: 5 months

Status: Complete

2013-2014

1. **Rachel McDermott**

Project Title: A National Poet for the Nation of Bangladesh: Exploring the Legacy of Kazi Nazrul Islam (1899-1976)

Duration: 8 months

Status: Pending travel – December, 2013

2. **Anders Bjornberg**

Project Title: Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion of Bangladesh's Rakhaine Minority

Duration: 3 months

Status: Pending travel – October, 2014

AIBS Travel Grantees

1. Amy Moyer

Destination: Bangladesh Development Institute, Berkeley, CA

Paper Title: The road to quality reforms in government primary schools: A case study from Bangladesh

Date: February 22-24, 2013

Impact: This research and resulting paper are the culmination of Moyer's fieldwork in Bangladesh under the AIBS Junior Fellowship. During her 5-month fellowship Moyer gathered qualitative data on teacher training and classroom teaching in government training facilities and primary schools. Her research goal is to examine how education reform policies enacted at the government level are put into practice in the classroom. She was delighted to find that the conference theme for the Bangladesh Development Initiative Conference this year, "Bridging the Policy Action gap", corresponds perfectly with her research theme. It is crucial for aspiring scholars to present and publish research in their field of study in order to receive feedback on their research. The BDI Conference will be the first academic forum where she presented my individual research on this topic. In the coming months she will be processing the data and writing up my findings from this research project for her dissertation in International Educational Leadership from Lehigh University. Presenting at the BDI Conference provided her with an opportunity to interact experts from a wide range of disciplines with various perspectives on Bangladeshi policy. Undoubtedly, this will greatly enhance her awareness of the issues within the Bangladeshi context and contribute to my research findings.

2. Heather Goldsmith

Destination: Bangladesh Development Institute, Berkeley, CA

Paper Title: Compromising Cases: An examination of dispute resolution through special tribunals for women and children in Bangladesh

Impact: This travel grant enabled Goldsmith to present the research she conducted as an AIBS fellow to scholars from around the world who share a common interest. Not only was this be an effective means to disseminate her findings, but it also allowed her to strengthen future research ventures through networking, learning from the questions posed by colleagues, and attending other sessions. It should be mentioned that these opportunities are already starting to arise, for example, as a result of this presentation, she was asked to serve on a panel addressing women's issues in Bangladesh at the conference.

AIBS Dhaka Center Lectures

1. Trading Health: Medicine, Biodiversity, Natures, and the Poor in Nepal

Date: June 20th, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Mary Cameron, Professor of Anthropology at the Florida Atlantic University & CAORC Multi-Country Fellow

2. Transferring training to practice: Improving primary school teaching in Bangladesh

Date: November 21st, 2012

Speaker: Ms. Amy Moyer, AIBS Fellow, PhD Candidate at Lehigh University, USA and Program Coordinator at Center for International Education at Northampton Community College, USA



3. Sri Lanka's Post Civil War: International Relations and Its Impact on South Asia's Security Dynamics

Date: December 6, 2012

Speaker: Neil DeVotta, Associate Professor of the Department of Political Science, Wake Forest University, USA



4. Gender, Wealth and Prosperity: Cross Border Labour Migration in Question

Date: March 31st, 2013

Speaker: Ms. Therese Blanchet

5. Measuring Maternal Capacities in Bangladesh: The Use of Cognitive Testing in Questionnaire Development; "Public Secrets: Representation and Community Among the Khasi of Bangladesh"

Date: April 12th, 2013

Speakers: Ms. Amanda Zongrone, PhD Candidate at the Cornell University & AIBS Fellow; Mr. Matthew Rich, PhD Candidate at the University of Chicago & AIBS Fellow.

Dhaka Center Outreach Activities

The AIBS Dhaka Center's Outreach Programs are part of multi-disciplinary collaborative activities that have been being organized by AIBS with its constant support through the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh through its UGC-HEQEP Project supports the Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) to organize events throughout Bangladesh.

1. Women Across Borders: Sources of Wealth or Moral Disorder

Type of Activity: Outreach Lecture at Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Rajshahi University

Date: 30 December 2012

Speaker: Thérèse Blanchet, Independent Scholar



2. Research Methodology

Type of Activity: Outreach Skill Development Workshop at The Faculty of Social Sciences at Chittagong University

Date: 10 January 2013

Speaker: Professor Dr. Salahuddin M. Aminuzzaman, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka



3. Global Disasters: Lessons Learned and Implications for Bangladesh Disaster Management



Type of Activity: Outreach Lecture at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST)

Date: 15 January 2013

Speaker: Golam M. Mathbor, Ph.D, Professor of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Monmouth University, USA and AIBS President

4. Research Methodology

Type of Activity: Outreach Skill Development Workshop at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Date: 25 May 2013

Speaker: Professor Dr. Salahuddin M. Aminuzzaman, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka



5. Creating a Congenial Environment in the Bangladesh Ready-made Garment Sector: Who Should Bear the Burden - Manufacturers, Government, or the Importers?

Type of Activity: Outreach Debate at Chittagong University

Date: 06 July 2013

Participants:

Team 1: Afzalur Rahman and Md. Shaharier Amin

Team 2: Zubair Ahmed and Kazi Jawoad Hossain

Team 3: Mohammad Jahidur Rahman and Asif Mohammed Fahad



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