

AIBS Narrative Report: August 2014 – June 2015

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My AIBS Fellowship in Bangladesh, helped me build networks with scholars and policy makers and reveal a strong potential to establish interdisciplinary links among the law and humanities. While my nine-month fellowship was from August 2014 to April 2015, I remained in Dhaka for an additional two months using my own funds to make-up some of the lost research time due to the national political strikes from January through March and to allow my children to complete the academic school year.

My research, which involved interviewing stakeholders including garment workers, allowed me to make linkages with faculty and students, and give lectures on my scholarly interests of global labor rights and law. In addition, I wrote opinion pieces in the largest English-daily in Bangladesh, *Daily Star*, focused on some of my research findings, and an analysis on labor conditions in the garment industry. I was interviewed by Montreal Radio and Behind the Label podcast on my research and served as a resource expert for journalists. My work also was profiled by a young woman journalist (<http://www.observerbd.com/2014/12/08/59464.php>) and I served as an advisor to the first national Bangladesh Law Students Association.

Daily Star Opinion Pieces links:

- (1) **Moving from a Living Wage to a Dignity Wage**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/moving-from-a-living-wage-to-a-dignity-wage-47968>
- (2) **Wages and Safety: Two Sides of the Same Coin**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/wages-and-safety-two-sides-of-the-same-coin-50818>
- (3) **Business Case for Trade Union**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/the-business-case-for-trade-unions-56282>
- (4) **Bangladesh can Pioneer a Workers Rights Model**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/bangladesh-can-pioneer-a-workers-rights-model-59598>
- (5) **Bangladesh Can Improve Its Labor Rights, but so can the United States.**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/bangladesh-can-improve-its-labour-rights-but-so-can-the-united-states-65176>
- (6) **Workers Rights through a Gender Lens**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/op-ed/workers-rights-through-gender-lens-73562>
- (7) **Augment Democracy for Workers**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/augment-democracy-workers-79420>
- (8) **Legal Education outside the Classroom**
<http://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/legal-education-outside-the-classroom-101320>

TV and Radio Interviews

<http://freecityradio.org/post/105516328045/interview-lawyer-chaumtoli-huq-on-bangladesh>
Somoi News <http://somoynews.tv/pages/program/2/1510> (Bangla)

Resource Expert links:

- (1) <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/8/21/bangladeshi-factoryowneroutofjailaccusedofmoreworkerabuse.html>
- (2) <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/3/11/cambodian-garment-workers-rise-up-and-face-a-crackdown.html>

Bangladesh Lectures:

- (1) Anniversary of the Tazreen Factory Fire Lecturer, Law Department at Dhaka University
- (2) Law Practice Inaugural Lecturer, BRAC University
- (3) International Women's Day, Women in the Digital Age Guest Panelist, Eastern University
- (4) Law and Social Movements Guest Lecturer, Dhaka University Law and non-profit legal organization BLAST
- (5) Skype Panelist on Rana Plaza, CUNY Law School in New York
- (6) Labor Rights through a Gender Lens, at Social Science Department at Dhaka University
- (7) Women and the Law at London School of Legal Studies

International Lectures and Conferences:

- (1) Invited Labor Rights Lecturer, Pearl Academy, Jaipur, India. Talk sponsored by the SIDE Residency, an interdisciplinary program of artists and academics focused on labor issues, for fashion, business, and design students (<http://side.pearlacademy.com/>).
- (2) Invited Participant to a Global Labor Rights Conference sponsored by the Clean Clothes Campaign Hong Kong