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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Business and Entrepreneurship, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, August 2022-

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island, Oct 2021 - July 2022

Postdoctoral Associate, The Eviction Lab, Princeton University, Sep 2019 - Sep 2021

Education

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013 - 2019.

Dissertation Title: Three Essays on the Relationship between Land Conservation and Economic Development

Committee: Amy W. Ando (Adviser, Chair), Mindy L. Mallory, Hope C. Michelson, and Dominic Parker (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

M.A. Economics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada 2011-2013.

Thesis Title: Short-run and long-run impact from the Million Baht Program in Thai villages

Committee: Alexander K. Karaivanov (Chair), Krishna Pendakur, Stephen T. Easton

M.S.S. Economics, University of Dhaka, 2009-2010.

B.S.S. Economics, University of Dhaka, 2005-2009.

Fields of Interest

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Development Economics, Economic History

Research

Publications

Howlader, A. 2022. "Environmental Recovery from the Dust Bowl: Implication of Land Policies in the Great Plains (1930-1980)" (*Conditionally Accepted, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*)

Howlader, A., Ando, A.W. "Consequences of Protected Areas for Household Forest Extraction, Time Use, and Consumption: Evidence from Nepal." *Environmental and Resource Econ* 75, 769-808 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10640-020-00407-2>

Ando, A.W., J. Fraterrigo, G. Guntenspergen, **A. Howlader**, M. Mallory, J. Olker, and S. Stickley. 2018. "How much can portfolio theory reduce climate risk to future conservation outcomes, and when does it work best?" *Conservation Letters*, e12596.

Ando, A.W., **A. Howlader**, and M. Mallory. 2018. "Diversifying to reduce conservation outcome uncertainty in multiple environmental objectives." *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/age.2018.7>.

Working Papers

Howlader, A. 2021. "Determinants and Consequences of Agroforestry: Historical Evidence from the Great Plains Shelterbelt Project" (*Revision Submitted, Land Use Policy*)

Howlader, A. 2021. "Bureaucratic Relationship and Provision of Public Good: The Consequences of Agency Conflict on Agricultural Land Conservation" (*Revision Submitted, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*)

Howlader, A. 2021. "Rural-Urban Variation in Housing Crisis and Regional Inequalities in the USA" (Submitted)

Howlader, A. "The Role of Local Institutions in Climate Resilience: Historical Evidence from Soil Conservation Districts in the Post-Dust Bowl Great Plains Region"

Howlader, A. "Green Revolution, Structural Change and Long-term Economic Development: Evidence from Bangladeshi Sub-districts"

Work in Progress

"Policy Diffusion and Status Quo Bias using Multiple State-level Policies" (with Corey Lang and Shanna Pearson)

"Policy Framing and Status Quo Bias in Environmental Policies" (with Corey Lang and Shanna Pearson)"

"Labor Market Effects of Land Conservation Programs in the USA" (with Liqing Li)

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Departmental Dissertation Travel Grant, Spring 2018 (\$600)

Economic History Association Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, 2017 (\$2400)

Outstanding Doctoral Student, Department of ACE, UIUC, Spring 2017

Data Purchase Program Grant, University of Illinois, 2017-2018

Dorothy Fay Dunn and Leah Dunn Linse Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2013-2014

Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, 2006-2010

Academic Experience

Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant, Agricultural & Consumer Economics (ACE 100); Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Research Assistant, Supervisors: Amy W. Ando & Mindy L. Mallory, Fall 2014-Summer 2019

Project: Spatial Conservation and Investment Portfolios to Manage Climate-Related Risk, National Science Foundation

Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 301); Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, Principal of Microeconomics (Econ 101); Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Industrial Organization (Econ 325); Summer 2012

Teaching Assistant, Economics of Crime (Econ 448W); Fall 2012

Teaching Assistant, Labor Economics (Econ 381); Spring 2013

Pre-Doctoral Research Experience

Research Assistant, Economic Research Group, Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 2011 - July 2011

Project: A Decision Support Tool for Government Engagements in Market for Essentials: the case of Food grains in Bangladesh

Research Assistant, Institute of Microfinance, Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 2010 - March 2011

Project: Effectiveness of PRIME Interventions in Greater Rangpur at the Household level and Institutional level: A Longitudinal Approach

Invited Talks

2022: emLab UCSB (scheduled)

2021: College of Wooster, Indian Institute of Technology (Kanpur), University of British Columbia, Cornell College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Prince of Songkla University (Phuket, Thailand), University of Rhode Island

Conference Presentations

2021: Southern Economic Association, Texas; AERE Annual Conference (Online); Economic History Association Annual Conference; AAEA Annual Conference

2020: Midwest Economic Association (AERE session, cancelled), Illinois; Agriculture Policy Research Group Conference, New Orleans; AERE Annual Conference, Florida (2 Papers); AAEA Annual Conference, Kansas (2 Papers)

2019: Applied Economics, Regional and Urban Studies (AERUS), Urbana, Illinois; Annual Cliometric Conference, Columbus, Ohio; Economic History Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia; Southern Economic Association, Florida

2017: AERE Annual Conference, Pittsburgh

2016: AERE Annual Conference, Colorado; AAEA Annual Conference, Boston; Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Washington; Applied Economics, Regional and Urban Studies (AERUS), Urbana, Illinois

Professional Activities

Secretary/Treasurer, Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics, AAEA (2020-2021)

Referee: Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (JEEM), Frontiers, Conservation Letters, American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)

Abstract Reviewer, AAEA Conference, 2020

I-Promise mentor, University of Illinois, 2018-2019

Organizing Committee, Ninth annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies (AERUS), 2016

Graduate Student Organizer, program in Environmental and Resource Economics (pERE), Fall 2016

Miscellaneous

Language: Bengali (Native), English (Fluent)

Computer Skills: R, STATA, \LaTeX , ArcGIS, Qualtrics Survey Design

Affiliations: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), Economic History Association (EHA), American Economic Association (AEA).

Popular Press

Reducing social distancing effects on the Bangladesh economy, The Financial Express, April 20, 2020

References

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Prof. Mindy L. Mallory
Associate Professor & Clearing Corporation Chair of
Food and Agricultural Marketing
Department of Agricultural Economics
Purdue University

Prof. Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz
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