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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.** 2023. "Bureaucratic Relationship and Provision of Public Good: The Consequences of Agency Conflict on Agricultural Land Conservation" (*Accepted, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*)

- 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. "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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Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
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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  
Professor  
School of Public Policy  
University of Maryland, College Park  
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