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EDUCATION

Texas Tech University Lubbock, Texas
Master of Science in Data Science (exp.) 2027

Texas Tech University Lubbock, Texas
Master of Arts in Sociology 2026
Thesis: *Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices*
Committee: Dr. Jerome R. Koch (Chair), Dr. Brandon Wagner, Dr. Seung-won Emily Choi.

University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh
Master of Social Sciences in Sociology 2024

University of Dhaka Dhaka, Bangladesh
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Sociology 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health and Well-Being; Religion; Culture; Disability; Life Course; Quantitative and Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Akter, Kazi Mahmuda, Tanjum Tushi, Sabrina Jahan Mily, Rashenda Aziz Mohona, Samin Anis, Adittya Kishor Chakraborty, Elmee Tabassum, **Tahmid Ul Islam**, Ozifatun Jannat Akhi, Israt Sultana Nishe, Badrun Nahar Laxy, Sanjida Sultana Zerin, Abdiqani Jama Roble, Md. Imran Hossain, Sharmin Ahmed, and Salauddin Al Azad. 2020. "RT-PCR Mediated Identification of SARS-CoV-2 Patients from Particular Regions of Bangladesh and the Multi-factorial Analysis Considering Their Pre and Post Infection Health Conditions." *Biotechnology Journal International* 24(6):43–56.

MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

Islam, Tahmid Ul. Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices. *Manuscript in preparation.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern NOV 2021 – FEB 2022
Center for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka
Responsibilities: Conducted archival research, i.e., manually collected and coded qualitative content from newspaper archives

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Regional Editor NOV 2019 – AUG 2020
Global Dialogue (Bengali), International Sociological Association
Responsibilities: Translated academic articles from English into Bengali for the Bengali edition of *Global Dialogue*

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (SASW)
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409

SEP 2024 – MAY 2026

Outcomes include:

- Taught core topics of Sociology of Religion as part of an undergraduate Introduction to Sociology course
- Developed and applied grading rubrics for assignments and assessments, ensuring fair, consistent evaluation
- Provided personalized feedback on student work through written comments and one-on-one consultations

IELTS Instructor
Mentors' Education, Mirpur Road, Kalabagan, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh

MAR 2023 – JUN 2024

Outcomes include:

- Mentored 200+ students in person to prepare for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Provided personalized feedback to help students improve their writing and speaking skills

Instructor, Content Reviewer, Quiz Creator
10MS Limited, Mohakhali DOHS, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

MAY 2019 – APR 2022

Outcomes include:

- Created 114+ asynchronous video tutorials on high school sociology
- Designed and developed supplemental educational materials, including presentation slides and quizzes
- Participated in the content quality assurance process to ensure accuracy and alignment with pedagogical standards

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- TTU Rawls Endowed Graduate Scholarship of \$1,000, Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business - 2026
- Graduate School Initiative Scholarship of \$1,000, Texas Tech University Graduate School - 2026
- Graduate School Student Travel Funding of \$150, Texas Tech University - 2026
- Travel Award of \$200, Midwest Sociological Society - 2026
- SASW Conference Travel Funds Award of \$500, Texas Tech University - 2026
- Third Place at Texas Tech University 3-Minute Thesis Competition (Master's Division) - 2025
- Graduate School Supplementary Scholarship of \$1,000 per year, for two years, Texas Tech University - 2024
- SASW Supplementary Scholarship of \$1,500 per semester, for four semesters, Texas Tech University - 2024
- Tajuddin Ahmad Trust Fund Award, University of Dhaka - 2019
- First Place at Essay Competition on Environment and Ecology, Forest Department, Government of Bangladesh - 2019

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Tahmid Ul Islam. Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices. Presented at the 2026 Graduate Poster Competition, Texas Tech University Graduate Student Research Conference (Poster Session), Lubbock, Texas, March 3, 2026.

Tahmid Ul Islam. Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices. Presented at the 2026 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (3-Minute Thesis Competition), St. Louis, Missouri, March 28, 2026.

Tahmid Ul Islam. Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices. Presented at the 2026 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Poster Session), St. Louis, Missouri, March 27, 2026.

Tahmid Ul Islam. Religion and Subjective Well-Being: Comparing the Influence of Religious Beliefs and Practices. Presented at the 2026 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Paper Session), St. Louis, Missouri, March 27, 2026.

Tahmid Ul Islam. The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey. Presented at the Texas Tech University Graduate School's 15th Annual Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference (Paper Session), Lubbock, Texas, November 12, 2025.

Tahmid Ul Islam. The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey. Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association's 51st Annual Conference (Paper Session), North Augusta, South Carolina, October 16, 2025.

Tahmid Ul Islam. The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey. Presented at the 3-Minute Thesis Competition Final Round, Lubbock, Texas, October 3, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) (JAN 2026 – Present)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) (OCT 2025 – Present)
- Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) (SEP 2025 – Present)

TRAINING

- Git Essential Training, LinkedIn Learning - Aug 2026
- Intermediate SQL, DataCamp - Jan 2026
- L^AT_EX for Professional Publications, Udemy - Jan 2026
- Strategies for Critical Reading and Source Integration, Graduate Writing Center, Texas Tech University - Oct 2025
- Half-Day Paraphrasing Studio, Graduate Writing Center, Texas Tech University - Sep 2025
- Foundational Writing Skills Intensive, Graduate Writing Center, Texas Tech University - Summer 2025
- International Teaching Assistant Workshop, Texas Tech University - Summer 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Analysis and Programming: SQL, Python (pandas), R (tidyverse), Stata

Statistical Methods: Linear Regression, Logistic Regression, Survey Analysis

Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Relational Data Modeling and ERD

Data Visualization and BI: Tableau, Excel, ggplot2, Seaborn

Tools and Environments: Git/GitHub, Linux/CLI, VS Code, RStudio, Jupyter Notebook, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent); Bengali (Native)

REFERENCES

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