**TASNIA SYMOOM**

**Curriculum Vitae**

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Department of Political Science

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

* Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Violence against Women (CRVAW), University of Kentucky (July 2025-June 2026)

**EDUCATION**

* Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Kentucky, May 2025

Dissertation: *The Social Contextualization of Violence against Women: A Survey Experimental Design of Gendered Attitudes of Violence in Bangladesh.*

* M.A. in Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2023.
* M.A. in Economics, Eastern Illinois University, 2018.

Thesis: *The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Economic Growth of South Asian Countries*

* B.A in Economics, Asian University for Women, 2015.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

* Research Fellowship, Office for Policy Studies on Violence against Women (OPSVAW), Fall 2024.

Grant Award: $18,641

Project: *Challenges of Humanitarian-Security Collaboration in Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Rohingya Camp*

* Ashley T. Judd Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, (OPSVAW), University of Kentucky, 2021-2022.

Grant Award: $56,346

Project: *Survey Experiment on Gendered Attitudes toward Violence against Women in Bangladesh*

* International Student Scholarship, Eastern Illinois University, 2017-2018.

Grant Award: $8000

* IKEA Foundation (Netherland) Scholarship, merit-based scholarship, Asian University for Women, 2010-2015.

Grant Award: $ 50,000

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Comparative Politics** **International Relations**

-Identity politics -Foreign Policy

-Violence Against Women - Indo-Pacific Strategy

-Comparative Political Behavior -Third-World Development Challenges

-Democracy & Human Rights -International Organization

**RESEARCH AWARDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS**

* **Summer 2023:**

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science, $1000

* **Spring 2022**

Prestage-Cook travel award, SPSA, $300

* **Fall 2022**

Emerging Scholar travel grant, ISA Midwest, $350

Conference Travel grant, Department of Political Science, $450

* **Summer 2022**

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science, $1100

* **Summer 2021**

Professional development research grant, Department of Political Science, $300

* **Summer 2020**

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science, $1000

* **Summer 2019**

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science, $1500

**WORKING BOOK PROJECTS**

* *Selective Solidarity and Violence Against Women: The Most Different Survey Experimental Research Design of Gendered Attitudes of Violence in Bangladesh and United States.*
* *Building Stability: U.S.-China Investment and Democratic Growth in the Indo-Pacific*.
* *Sinophobia and the Liberal Order: Is China a Present Threat or Future Manager of Global Liberalism?*

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISE AND RESUBMIT**

* Social Dominance, Patriarchy, and Intersectionality: A Survey Vignette Study on Attitudes towards Sexual Violence among Religious and Partisan Groups in Bangladesh. *Women’s Studies International Forum.*
* Shared Identity, Shifting Blame: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Victim-Blaming Attitudes in Domestic Violence. *The Social Science Journal.*

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

* Shared Identity, Selective Sympathy: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Attitudes towards Domestic Violence Perpetrators*. Violence Against Women.*

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

* Foreign Investment and Democratic Recovery: U.S. FDI After the Fall of Authoritarian Regimes.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY**

* *Sinophobia and the Rules-Based Liberal World Order: An Empirical Analysis*. Paper prepared for The Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, September 10-12, 2025
* *Beyond the Norm: Exploring Ingroup Bias and the Ingroup Devaluation in Assessing Violence against Women Perpetrators and Victims within Social Groups*. Paper prepared for The Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, September 13-15, 2024
* *Racial/ Ethnic Group Differences in Procedural Justice: How it Shapes Police Notification about Violence against Women.* Paper prepared for Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 12-14, 2023
* *Bless the patriarchy! Autocratic strategy, religion, and domestic violence protections.”*

*protections.* Paper prepared for Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 12-14, 2023

* *Bless the patriarchy! Autocratic strategy, religion, and domestic violence protections.* Paper prepared for ISA Midwest Annual Conference, November 26-27, 2022.

**WORKING PROJECT: DATABASE**

Bi-SAP Database: Index of IMF Member States’ Implementation of Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) Quantitative Performance Criteria Conditionalities, 1945-2022

**OP-EDS AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

“Women’s Reserved Seats: No Gambling with Progress.” New Age, June 18, 2025. <https://www.newagebd.net/post/opinion/267615/no-gambling-with-progress>

“Bangladesh Still Trapped in Authoritarian Habit.” New Age, May 27, 2025. <https://www.newagebd.net/post/opinion/266124>

“Will Women’s Rights Be Respected in Post-Authoritarian Bangladesh?” New Age, April 28, 2025. <https://www.newagebd.net/print/post/264960>

**INVITED TALK**

Invited panelist to discuss Survey experiment in Identity Politics research,” Asbury University, Kentucky. September 2022.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

* Research Assistant, Dr. Md Nur Nobi, May 2015-Aug 2015. Survey Project: The Effect of Water Clogging on the Economy Chittagong.
* Research Assistant, Dr. Tomomi Naka, May 2012-August 2012. Survey project “Economic Condition of Handicraft Artisans in Bangladesh.

**TRAINING IN RESEARCH METHODS**

* Scite AI Demonstration: Generative AI Research Assistant, 2024.
* STATA Workshop for Survey Experiment, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2022
* Multi-Level Modeling for Comparative Political Behavior, University of Kentucky, 2020
* Research Writing, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2019.
* R workshop, Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research, University of Kentucky, 2019
* STATA Workshop, Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research, University of Kentucky, 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Fall 2018- present**

Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY,

* **Primary Instructor**

*In-person*

Politics of South Asia (Spring 25)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 19)

Introduction to Political Analysis (Fall 23)

*Online*

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 20)

Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 21, 23)

Gender and Politics in Islamic States (Summer 22)

Democracy and Human Rights in Developing Countries (Summer 24)

*Hybrid*

Introduction to Political Analysis (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 20)

*Asynchronous*

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 20)

* **Instructor of Recitation sessions**

*In-Person*

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 19)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 18)

**Fall 2016- Spring 2017**

Department of Economics, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Teaching Assistant:

Principle of Microeconomics (Spring 17)

Principle of Macroeconomics (Fall 16)

**TEACHING TRAINING**

* Teaching Students to be skilled users of Generative AI, Center for the Enhancement of Learning & Teaching (CELT), 2024.
* Designing Slides to Reduce Cognitive Load and Support Memory, CELT, 2024
* Incorporating Virtual Reality in Your Classroom, Center for the Enhancement of Learning & Teaching (CELT), 2024
* Faculty Panel: Extension Integration in the Classroom, CELT, University of Kentucky Graduate -Teaching Academy: Using Student Evaluations for Reflection and Growth, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2024.
* Exploring the Pedagogy of Play, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2024
* An Introduction to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), CELT, University of Kentucky, 2024.
* Designing a Syllabus Students Will Actually Read, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2024
* Preparing Future Faculty, Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning, University of Kentucky, 2022
* Presentation that will Impress, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2022
* Inclusive and Student-Centered Teaching, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2022
* Transparent Assignment Design, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2021
* Understanding and Supporting First Generation Students in Our Classrooms, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2021
* Normalizing Inclusive and Trauma-Informed Teaching Practices, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2021
* Canvas Assessments, Quizzes and Exams, CELT, University of Kentucky, 2020
* Team-Based Learning, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2020

**TEACHING TECHNOLOGIES**

* **Canvas** –Experienced in managing course content, assignments, and grades.
* **Zoom** –Skilled in conducting interactive online classes and office hours.
* **PowerPoint** –Experienced in designing lecture slides and presentations
* **Canva** –Utilized for custom graphics, infographics and visual aids for course materials
* **Turnitin** –Used for plagiarism detection and assignment feedback
* **Kahoot** –Develop interactive quizzes and review games for student engagement
* **Google Workspace** –Facilitate collaborative assignments and real-time feedback.

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

-Gender and politics - Contested Issues in South Asian countries

-Authoritarian Regime -Democracy and Human Rights in South Asia

-Identity politics -Comparative Political Behavior

-American Foreign Policy in South Asia -Research Method in Political Science

-Survey Research -Violence Against Women

**SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* Peer reviewer, Violence Against Women (SAGE Journals), 2025-present
* Reviewer (registered), Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities Review, 2025
* Workshop leader, Preparation of Qualifying exam, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2024
* Workshop leader, STATA workshop for First-Year Ph.D. Students, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2024
* Member, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), 2023-Present
* Faculty Search Committee for Comparative Politics Faculty, Political Science Department, University of Kentucky, 2021
* Department representative, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky, 2019
* Mentor of 4 Bangladeshi female students for Higher Study in the USA, 2018-2020
* Member, Women in Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2018-present
* Representative, International Student Association, Eastern Illinois University, 2016-2017
* Teacher (Volunteer), School for Slum Children, Chittagong, Bangladesh, 2012-2014
* Member, Violence Against Women club, Asian University for Women, 2013-2014.

**STATISTICAL SOFTWARE**

STATA, SPSS, R, Excel, MaxQDA, Delve, Liwc

**Bengali:** Native (Reading, Speaking, Writing)

**LANGUAGES**

**English:** Native (Reading, Speaking, Writing)  
**Rohingya:** Native (Reading, Speaking, Writing)  
**Bhojpuri, Bihari:** Native (Speaking only)  
**Hindi:** Fluent Speaking, Good Reading, Basic Writing (with dictionary)  
**Urdu:** Fluent Speaking, Good Reading, Basic Writing (with dictionary)

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

*Dr. Horace A. Bartilow, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky, Professor, School of International Service, American University. Email:* [*bartilow@american.edu*](mailto:bartilow@american.edu)

Dr. Claire Renzetti, Endowed Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky,

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