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CONTACT

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Political Behavior; Authoritarianism & Democratization;
 Gender & Politics, South Asian Politics; Comparative Political Economy;
 Experimental Methods; Mixed Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Kentucky
 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2025-2026
 Center for Research on Violence Against Women

Bluegrass Community and Technical College
 Adjunct faculty, 2025-

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky
 Ph.D. Department of Political Science, 2025
 M.A. Department of Political Science, 2023

Eastern Illinois University
 M.A. Department of Economics, 2018

Asian University for Women
 B.A. in Economics and Development Studies, 2015

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Charles E. Scheidt Faculty Fellowship (2025-2026), Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University

Research Fellowship (2024), Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky
 Project: *Challenges of Humanitarian-Security Collaboration in Addressing Gender Based Violence in Rohingya Camp.*

Ashley T. Judd Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (2021-2022), Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky
 Project: *Survey Experiment on Gendered Attitudes toward Violence Against Women in Bangladesh.*

International Student Scholarship, Eastern Illinois University, 2017-2018

IKEA Foundation (Netherlands) Merit-Based Scholarship, Asian University for Women, 2010-2015

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Symoom, Tasnia. 2025. "Shared Identity, Shifting Blame: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Victim Blaming Attitudes in Domestic Violence." *The Social Science Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2025.2551121>

“Shared Identity, Selective Sympathy: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Attitudes towards Domestic Violence Perpetrators.” *Violence Against Women*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012251401886>.

**ARTICLES
UNDER REVIEW**

“Social Dominance, and Intersectionality: A Survey Vignette Study on Attitudes towards Sexual Violence among Religious and Partisan Groups in Bangladesh.”

**WORK
IN PROGRESS**

Humanitarian Governance and Justice as Safety for Gender-Based Violence at Rohingya Camps in Bangladesh.

Informal Authority, Camp Governance, and Gendered Insecurity in Rohingya Camp.

The Bureaucratization of Protection and Gendered Violence Response in Refugee Camps

Cyber Abuse Against Women Politicians & Activists: Combating Harassment and Advancing Gender Representation.

Institutional Constraints and Protection Gaps: Economic Violence in Rohingya Refugee Camps.

**WORKING
BOOK PROJECTS**

Selective Solidarity and Violence Against Women: A Comparative Study of Gendered Attitudes of Violence in Bangladesh and the United States (under review at Oxford University Press, Interpersonal Violence Series).

After the Fall: Psychological Legacies, Institutional Ruins, and Political Struggles in Post-Autocratic States.

Sinophobia and the Liberal Order: Is China a Present Threat or Future Manager of Global Liberalism? (with Horace Bartilow)

**OTHER
WRITINGS**

“Cyber Abuse Against Women: Normalizing Intimidation, Shrinking Democracy.” New Age, January 10, 2025.

“Why 2024 Forced Bangladesh to Remember 1971.” New Age, December 15, 2025.

“From Force to Service: Why Police Reform Must be a Journey, Not an Event.” New Age, October 30, 2025.

“Civic Education: Bangladesh’s Best Defense Against Dictatorship.” New Age, August 12, 2025.

“Proportional Representation: Why It Could Hurt Women.” New Age, July 31, 2025.

“Bystander Psychology in Transitional Bangladesh.” New Age, July 16, 2025.

“Women’s Reserved Seats: No Gambling with Progress.” *New Age*, June 18, 2025.

“Bangladesh Still Trapped in Authoritarian Habit.” *New Age*, May 27, 2025.

“Will Women’s Rights Be Respected in Post-Authoritarian Bangladesh?” *New Age*, April 28, 2025.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

Adjunct Faculty

American Government (Fall 25)

University of Kentucky

Primary Instructor

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 20, Spring 20, Fall 20, Fall 19, Fall 18)

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 19)

Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 24, Fall 23, Spring 23, Spring 21, Spring 23)

Politics of South Asia (Spring 25)

Democracy and Human Rights in Developing Countries (Summer 24)

Gender and Politics in Islamic States (Summer 23)

Eastern Illinois University

Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2017)

Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2016)

TEACHING TRAINING

Graduate Certificate: Preparing Future Faculty, College Teaching, and Learning, University of Kentucky (2022)

Inclusive Pedagogy: Inclusive and Student-Centered Teaching (2022); Trauma-Informed Practices (2021); Supporting First-Generation Students (2021), CELT, University of Kentucky

Instructional Design: Transparent Assignment Design (2021); Syllabus Design for Engagement (2024); Reducing Cognitive Load in Slide Design (2024), CELT, University of Kentucky

Innovative Pedagogies: Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (2024); Pedagogy of Play; Team-Based Learning (2020), CELT, University of Kentucky

Technology in Teaching: Using Student Evaluations for Growth (2024); Incorporating Virtual Reality (2024), CELT, University of Kentucky

TEACHING TECHNOLOGIES

Learning Management Systems: Canvas, Blackboard, McGraw-Hill Connect
Instructional Tools: Zoom, PowerPoint, Canva, Google Workspace
Assessment & Engagement Tools: Turnitin, Kahoot

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2024 Nominee, Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
- 2023 Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1000), University of Kentucky
- 2022 Prestage-Cook Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$300)
- 2022 Emerging Scholar grant, International Studies Association Midwest (\$350)
- 2022 Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1100), University of Kentucky
- 2021 Professional development research grant, Department of Political Science (\$300), University of Kentucky
- 2020 Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1000), University of Kentucky
- 2019 Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1500), University of Kentucky

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Foreign Investment and Democratic Recovery: U.S FDI after the Fall of Authoritarian Regimes.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Meeting
- “Sinophobia and the Rules-Based Liberal World Order: An Empirical Analysis.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
- 2024 “Beyond the Norm: Ingroup Bias and the Ingroup Devaluation in Assessing Violence Against Women Perpetrators and Victims within Social Groups.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
- 2023 “Racial/Ethnic Group Differences in Procedural Justice: How it Shapes Police Notification about Violence Against Women.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2022 “Bless the patriarchy! Autocratic Strategy, Religion, and Domestic Violence Protections.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference Annual Meeting

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Humanitarian Workers’ Socio-Ecological Constraints Addressing Gender-Based Violence Against Refugee Women.” Patterson School of Diplomacy, University of Kentucky (Scheduled)
- 2022 “Survey experiment in Identity Politics Research.” Asbury University,

		Kentucky
	2021	“Policy Briefs on preventing Sexual Harassment against garment workers,” Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS	2024	Scite AI Demonstration: Generative AI Research Assistant
	2022	STATA workshop for Survey Experiment
	2020	Multilevel Modeling for Comparative Political Behavior
	2019	R Workshop (Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research (QUIPSR))
SOFTWARE SKILLS		Statistical Software: STATA, SPSS, R Qualitative Analysis: MaxQDA, Delve Text Analysis: LIWC
SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS	2025-Present	Reviewer: <i>Race & Justice; Violence Against Women; Review of Economics and Political Science</i>
		Member, Advisory Committee, Violence Prevention Research Conference 2026, University of New Hampshire
	2024	Workshop Leader, Preparing for Qualifying Exam, University of Kentucky Workshop leader, STATA workshop for first-year Ph.D. students, University of Kentucky
	2023-present	American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS)
	2021	Faculty Search Committee for Comparative Politics Faculty, University of Kentucky
	2019	Department representative, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky
	2018-2020	Mentor to Four First-Generation Bangladeshi Women Graduate Students in the U.S.
	2018-2025	Member, Women in Political Science, University of Kentucky
	2016-2018	Member, Women in Economics, Eastern Illinois University
LANGUAGES	Professional Proficiency: English, Bangla, Hindi, Urdu, Rohingya	