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Layeqa Bashir

Education

1997-98 University of Dhaka
Master of Social Sciences, Major in Sociology
First Class Placed Sixth with 64.4 per cent marks. Exam Held in 2000
Papers studied: (a) Theories of Social Change, (b) Advanced Statistics and Methods in Sociological Inquiry, (c) Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment, and (d) An Advanced Research Monograph on “Social Enclosure and Poverty” with focus on the cultural poverty of the Biharis of Geneva Camp, Dhaka.

1994-97 University of Dhaka
Bachelor of Social Sciences, Major in Sociology (Honours)
First Class Placed fifth with 62.06 per cent marks. Exam Held in 1998
Paper Studied: (a) Social History, (b) Introductory Anthropology, (c) Social Psychology, (d) Social Statistics, (e) Research Methodology, (f) Social Forestry, (g) Economy and Society, (h) History of Sociological Theory, (i) Quantitative Analysis of Social Data. (j) Sociology of the third World, (k) Social Demography, (l) Sociology of Poverty.

1993-94 Holy Cross College, Dhaka
Higher Secondary Certificate, Humanities Group
First Division with 74.75 per cent marks

1992 Mohammadpur Preparatory and Girls’ High School, Dhaka
Secondary School Certificate, Science Group
First Division with 87.9 per cent marks

Work Experience

Current

2008 Dhaka

The University of Asia Pacific

Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities

Course teaching: Bangladesh Studies: Society and Culture

Previous

2006-2008 Dhaka

Bangladesh University

Position: Lecturer, Department of Sociology

Courses taught/teaching: (a) Introductory Sociology, (b) Social History and World Civilization, (c) Social Anthropology, (d) Social Psychology, (e) Sociology of Marriage and family, (f) Social Problems, (g) Social Statistics, (h) Women, Society and Development.

2005 Canberra

World Vision Australia

Position: Display Coordinator

2002 Dhaka

Somra-MBL-NFO

Position: Market Research Executive

Major responsibilities included defining data collection method, preparing questionnaire, planning the survey, monitoring the survey in the study areas, assisting the error correction, data coding and editing, preparing monthly progress report.

2001 Dhaka

NIPSOM-Columbia University, USA Joint Research Project on Health Effects & Geochemistry of Arsenic and Lead

Position: Research Associate

Major responsibilities included defining data collection method, preparing questionnaire, planning the survey, monitoring the survey in the study areas, assisting the error correction, data coding and editing, preparing monthly progress report.

1999 Dhaka

Household Survey on Living in Poverty: The Case of the Slum Dwellers of Karwan Bazar

Position: Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr. Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, Department of Sociology, DU

A seven-day survey was done on the food, sanitation, education, nutrition, gender comparisons of the people who lived in the squatter settlements adjacent to the rail tracks of Karwan Bazar.

Responsibilities included forming the data collection instrument, interviewing, summarizing and report writing.

1999 Dhaka

Micro Survey on Small Industries of Old Dhaka

Position: Research Assistant

Patronized by JOBS. Implemented by IRIS. Funded by US Aid.

Organized and conducted by Steps Towards Development for Bureau Tangail.

Responsibilities included the duties of one of the co-facilitators

1999 Dhaka

The Informal Sector of Dhaka City and the Emergence of a Proto-Proletariat Class

Supervisor: Dr. Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, Department of Sociology, DU

A survey was done on 350 workers of the informal sectors.

Responsibilities included designing of data collection instrument, interviewing, coding, editing, and primary analysis of the findings.

Findings were presented in the First International Sociological Conference held in Dhaka.

1998 Dhaka

The Coastal Green-Belt Project of the Forest Department

Data was collected on 2200households of the coastal areas of the country.

Responsibility included coding, editing, and entering the data of that project under the supervision of senior researchers.

1997 Dhaka

Newspaper Readership Survey of Dhaka City

Sponsored by: The Independent

A Survey of the subscribers of English Dailies was done on 1000households of Dhaka city.

Responsibilities included door-to-door interviewing of the people.

Scholarships/ Awards and Prizes

1998

Dhaka University Graduate Academic Excellence Award

1997

Dhaka University Under Graduate Academic Excellence Award

1994

Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Scholarship for Higher Secondary Certificate Examination

1992

Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Scholarship for Secondary School Certificate Examination

1992

Gold Medal for an outstanding achievement in the Secondary School Certificate

1989

Junior School Scholarship

Computer Skills

SPSS for Windows, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Programming Languages: FoxPro, Pascal.

Other Trainings

1999 Three months Development Internship from Steps Towards Development, Dhaka.

2000 Higher Diploma in Computing Science from Microland IICE, Dhaka.

Other Activities

Working as a music teacher in Chhayanaut Sanggit Biddayaton, Dhaka.

Activist and founder member of the student platform against sexual harassment against women named 'Jouno Nipironer Biruddhe Dhaka Bishshobiddalayer Chhatro Chhatri Brindo'(Students of Dhaka University Against Sexual Harassment of Women).

Worked as a Liaison Officer at VI Commonwealth Youth Handball Championship, Dhaka, 1995.

Worked as a volunteer in the Prize Distribution Ceremony, VI SAAF Games, Dhaka.1994.

Awarded the second prize in the Inter-School Science Fair, Dhaka, 1991.

Edited School Magazine *Ushashi* of 1991.

Learning and specializing in Classical Music and Nazrul's Song. Successfully completed a six-year diploma course in Nazrul Geeti from Chhayanaut Sangeet Vidyayaton, Dhaka.

Personal

Father's Name: Bashir Al Helal (Rtd. Director Bangla Academy)

Mother's Name: Firoza Begum (Rtd. Govt. School Head Mistress)

Husband's Name: Abu Taher Salahuddin Ahmed (PhD in Political Science and International Relations, Australian National University, Canberra; currently working as Senior Research Fellow of BIISS)

Date of Birth: 26 September 1977

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Religion: Islam

Gender: Female

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