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EDUCATION

PhD 2008 Medical Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
MPH 2004 Public Health, UNT Health Science Center, Ft. Worth, TX.
MA 2001 Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.
MSS 1996 Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2023-Present Professor of Sociology (tenured), University of North Texas, Dallas, TX.
2016- 2023 Associate Professor of Sociology (tenured), joint appointment in Public Health, University of North Texas at Dallas (UNTD), Dallas, TX.
2010- 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Psychology, University of North Texas at Dallas (UNTD), Dallas, Texas.
2008-2010 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Sociology, University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM), Monroe, Louisiana.
2005-2008 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, Texas.
2001-2005 Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record), Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

GRANTS AWARDED

2022-2027 Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) grant. Substance Abuse and Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Role: Principal Investigator. \$625,000. (Active grant until 2027)

2019-2021 Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Campus Suicide Prevention grant, (SAMHSA), Role: Principal Investigator. \$301,894.

2010-2012 Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) in Louisiana, Administration on Aging (AoA), \$400,000 (Submitted by Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs), Subcontracted to ULM \$50,000 for Evaluation. Role: Evaluator.

2009-2012 ULM Helping Educators and Learners Prevent Suicide, (SAMHSA).

Role: Co-PI/Evaluator. \$219,000.

2009-2010 Evaluation of Adult Day Health Care Providers in Louisiana.
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Role: Co-PI.
\$19,998.

GRANTS NOT FUNDED

- 2014 Empowering women for safer sex. Grant proposal submitted to the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Role: PI. \$50,000.
- 2010 Green Acres Healthy Bodies. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Role: PI. \$49,999.
- 2009 A Pilot Project to Increase Access to and Consumption of Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables and Fruits for Low-Income Families. US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Role: PI. \$299,800.
- 2009 Home Environmental Skill-Building Program for Dementia Family Caregivers. Administration on Aging (AoA). Role: PI. \$1,056,943.

PUBLICATIONS (Refereed Journal Articles)

(Author h-index 14, i10-index 17, citations 618. Source: Google Scholar as of 8/6/2024)

- Jesmin, S. S., & Amin, I.** (2024). Addressing Sleep Deprivation Epidemic in Adolescents: Findings from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2021. *American Journal of Health Education*, 55(4), 1-10.
- Khan, M. M. A., Rahman, M. M., **Jesmin, S. S.**, Mustagir, M. G., & Kaikobad, M. S. (2021). Psychosocial and socio-environmental factors associated with adolescents' tobacco and other substance use in Bangladesh. *Plos One*, 16(6).
- Jesmin, S. S., & Amin, I.** (2020). Diseases of despair and social capital: Findings from a population-based survey on opioid misuse among adolescents. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 55(12), 1993-2001.
- Moore, A.R., **Jesmin, S. S.**, Shen, Y., Amey, F., & Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2020). Correlates of intentional weight loss among American adults. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 30(6): 1-13.
- Khan, M.M.A., Rahman, M.M., Islam, M.R., Karim, M.M Hasan, M., & **Jesmin, S.S.** (2020). Suicidal behavior among school-going adolescents in Bangladesh: Findings of the Global School-based Student Health Survey. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, 55(11): 1491-1502.
- Rahman, M., Nasrin, S. O., Rahman, M., Rahman, A., Mostofa, G., **Jesmin, S. S.**, & Buchanan, F. (2019). Maternal pregnancy intention and its association with low birth weight and pregnancy complications in Bangladesh: findings from a

- hospital-based study. *International Health*, 11(6):447-454.
- Rahman, M. A., Rahman, M. M., Rahman, M. M., & **Jesmin, S. S.** (2019). The double burden of under-and over-nutrition among Bangladeshi women: Socioeconomic and community-level inequalities. *PLOS ONE*, 14(7), e0219968.
- Ferdos, J., Rahman, M., **Jesmin, S. S.**, & Rahman, A., Sasagawa, T. (2018) Association between intimate partner violence during pregnancy and maternal pregnancy complications among recently delivered women in Bangladesh. *Journal of Aggressive Behavior*, 44(3): 294-305.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Rahman, M. (2017). Social inequalities and the context of vulnerabilities: HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention knowledge among married women. *Healthcare for Women International*. Volume 29(2): 154-169.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Amin, I. (2017). Impact of the mass media in changing attitudes towards violence against women in Bangladesh: Findings from a national survey. *Journal of Family Violence*, 32(5); 525-534.
- Rahman, M. Rahman, M. M., Ismail, T, Ferdos, S., & **Jesmin, S. S.** (2016). Maternal pregnancy intention and professional antenatal care utilization in Bangladesh: a nationwide population-based survey. *PLOS ONE*, 11(6).
- Jesmin, S. S.** (2016). Best Laid Plans: Cultural Entropy and the Unraveling of AIDS Media Campaigns. Invited book review for *Social Forces*.
- Jesmin, S. S.** (2015). Social determinants of married women's attitudinal acceptance of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 32(21):3226- 3244.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Cready, C. (2015). Community influences on married women's safe sex negotiation: A multilevel analysis. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 45(2), 383-393. DOI 10.1007/s10508-015-0572-7.
- Jesmin, S. S.** (2015). Married women's justification of wife-beating in Bangladesh: Examining community norm and individual-level risk factors. *Violence & Victims*, 30(6), 984-1003.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Cready, C. (2014). Can she refuse sex when her husband has a sexually transmitted infection? Attitudes toward married women's safe sex negotiation in Bangladesh. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 16(6), 666- 682.
- Jesmin, S. S.** (2014). Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America. *Journal of Women & Ageing*, 26(4), 369-371.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Chaudhuri, S. (2013). Why do some women know more? An exploration of the association of community socioeconomic characteristics, social capital, and HIV/AIDS-related knowledge. *Women & Health*, 53(7), 669-692.
- Jesmin, S. S.**, Chaudhuri, S., & Abdullah, S. (2013). Educating women for HIV Prevention: Does exposure to mass media make them more knowledgeable? *Health Care for Women International*, 34(3-4), 303-331.

- Jesmin, S. S., & Seward, R. (2011).** Parental leave and fathers' involvement with children in Bangladesh: A comparison with the United States. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 42(1), 95-112.
- Jesmin, S. S., Amin, I., & Stan, I. (2011).** Sustainability of seniors in low- and middle-income societies. *Educational Gerontology*, 37(6), 548-557.
- Jesmin, S. S., Amin, I., & Ingman, S. (2011).** Aging and the caregiving crisis in low- and middle-income countries. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 25(3), 309-328.
- Jesmin, S. S., Ingman, S. (2011).** Social support for older adults in Bangladesh, *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 3(2), 69-79.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Jesmin, S. S., & Chakraborty, A. (2024). Developing adverse childhood experience-informed mental health promotion programs: The need for investing in social capital. American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting. Minneapolis, MN, Oct 27-30.
- 2024 Jesmin, S. S. Amin, I. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Sleep Deprivation in Older Adults: The Mediating Role of Social Isolation. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, Nov 13-16.
- 2023 Amin, I., Jesmin, S. S., Nasrin, S. Mental health first aid training for undergraduate students at a minority-serving urban university: An evaluation study. American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting, Nov 12-16. Atlanta, GA.
- 2023 Jesmin, S.S. Opioid misuse, alcohol abuse, and suicidal behaviors among U.S. adults: Does the black-white mental health paradox explain the racial differences? Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) annual meeting, March 29-April 1, 2023.
- 2022 Jesmin, S. S. Suicide prevention. International Teledrama 3rd Annual Conference. Nov 10-13.
- 2022 Jesmin, S.S., Does Despair Lead to Health Risk Behaviors among Women? A Cross-sectional Analysis of Diseases of Despair. Southwest Social Science Association (SSSA) annual meeting, San Antonio, April 22-24.
- 2021 Jesmin S.S. The Intersection of Mental Disorder and Opioid Use Disorder Among Adolescents in the United States. International Sociological Association (ASA) meeting 2021. Porto Alegre, Brazil, Feb23-27.
- 2020 Jesmin S.S. The Association of Depressive Symptoms and Opioid Misuse among Women: Findings from a Population-based Survey. American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual meeting.
- 2020 Jesmin S.S., Amin, I. Preventing Suicide and Promoting Mental Health: A Multidisciplinary Team Effort on a Minority-Serving College Campus. American

- Public Health Association's (APHA) annual meeting, Oct 17, 2020.
- 2020 Jesmin S.S., Amin, I. Social Capital and Opioid Misuse Among Adolescents in the United States: A Social Capital and Opioid Misuse Among Adolescents in the United States: A Cross-Sectional Analysis. American Sociological Association's Virtual Engagement Event, Aug 8-11, 2020.
- 2019 Jesmin S.S., Amin, I. Mental Health Challenges and Minority Serving College Campuses. Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference. Mexico City, Mexico, July 10-12.
- 2018 Jesmin S.S., Amin, I. Women's Attitudinal Acceptance of Intimate Partner Violence: Examining the Influence of Women Empowerment. European Conference on Behavioral Sciences, Brighton, UK.
- 2017 Jesmin, S.S. Microloan programs in Bangladesh. Future without Poverty (FWOP) World Summit, Costa Rica.
- 2017 Jesmin, S. S., & Rahman, M. Social Inequalities and the Context of Vulnerabilities: HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention Knowledge among Married Women. American Sociological Association's annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 Moore, A., Jesmin, S. S., Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. Correlates of intentional weight loss among Americans: Independent and joints associations. American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2015 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Media campaigns combating violence against women: Lessons and policy implications based on a nationally representative population. American Public Health Association (APHA), Chicago.
- 2015 Jesmin, S. S. Community socioeconomic disadvantage and HIV/AIDS-related knowledge among women: Evidence from a large, population-based study. American Public Health Association (APHA), Chicago.
- 2014 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Social determinants of women's justification of wife-beating: Implications for public health. American Public Health Association (APHA), New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 Jesmin, S. S. & Cready, C. Community-level influences on married women's safe sex negotiation attitudes: A multilevel study. American Public Health Association (APHA), New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 Jesmin, S. S. Social capital and sexual risk-taking behaviors among Hispanic young adults: A longitudinal analysis. American Public Health Association (APHA), Boston, MA. Nov 2-6.
- 2013 Amin, I., & Jesmin, S. S. Sexual risk-taking behaviors among older adults: Does higher social capital increase the likelihood of safer sex? American Public Health Association (APHA), Boston, MA. Nov 2-6.
- 2013 Jesmin, S. S. Childhood obesity and parental feeding practices in the low- income

- countries. American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, NY. August 10-14.
- 2013 Amin, I., Jesmin, S. S., & Ingman, I. Caregiving Responsibilities at Old Age: A Qualitative Analysis of Women's Caregiving Experiences in Bangladesh. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA, Nov 20-24.
- 2012 Jesmin, S., S., Chaudhuri, S., & Abdullah, S. Educating women for HIV prevention: Does exposure to mass media make them more knowledgeable? American Sociological Association (ASA), Denver, CO. August 18-22.
- 2012 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Are you crazy? Not in my lifetime: Attitude towards nursing homes among Bangladesh elders. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2011 Jesmin, S. S. Soda, fries, and chips everyday: Parents' perception of nutrition, healthy weight, and child feeding practices in Bangladesh. American Public Health Association (APHA), Washington, District of Columbia. Nov 19-22.
- 2011 Jesmin, S. S. Social Supports for Older Adults: A Review of Formal, Informal, and Semi-formal Support Networks in Bangladesh. American Sociological Association (ASA), Las Vegas, Nevada. August 13-15.
- 2011 Social Support and Health Status of Elderly Women in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSA), Las Vegas, NA, March 16-19.
- 2011 Parental attitudes about eating, physical activity, and weight control in South-East Asian American immigrant families. International Conference on Parenting Education and Parenting, Denton, TX, March 18-19.
- 2010 Healthcare for the elderly when formal social support is virtually nonexistent. Mid-South Sociological Association, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2010 Social care for the elderly population in Bangladesh. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Houston, TX, April 1-4.
- 2009 Health services utilization of South Asian Elderly population Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, GA, November 17-21.
- 2009 Relative deprivation and health. Midsouth Sociological Association (MSSA), Lafayette, LA, Nov 4-6.
- 2009 Does intra-racial income inequality affect health? American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, San Francisco, August 8-10.
- 2009 Production of gender in Bangladeshi families through housework and childcare: an exploratory study. Society for Study of Social Problems (SSSP) annual meeting, San Francisco, August 7-9.
- 2009 Fathers' Involvement with Children and Housework: A Replication of Seward's US Parental Survey in Bangladesh. International Sociological Association (ISA)

- meeting on parenting. Denton, Texas. February 12-15.
- 2008 Aging and social support in Bangladesh: A selective review, With Ingman, S, Binational Meeting on Gerontology, Jalisco, Mexico, August 8.
- 2004 Socioeconomic determinants and infant mortality: A study on Texas counties. Southwest Sociological annual meeting, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2003 Determinants of Inequality in Infant Mortality Rates in Texas Counties. Southwest Sociological annual meeting, San Antonio, TX. April 16 – 19.
- 2003 Micro Loan Story. Conference on Building Sustainable Communities in Mexico & Texas, Denton, TX. Jan 8-11.

SESSION CHAIR

- Keynote Speaker, “Women Empowerment & Mental Health.” Federations of Bangladeshi Association in North America (FOBANA), Sept 1- 3, 2023. Irving, TX.
- Session Chair, “Substance Misuse.” Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) annual meeting, March 29-April 1, 2023. Fort Worth, TX.
- Session Chair, “Drug and Society,” and “Health and Medicine” sessions. Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 20-23, 2022.
- Expert Panelist, Human Trafficking conference, UNT, Denton, April 13, 2022.
- Session Chair, Community Development. European Conference on Psychology and Behavioral Sciences. Brighton, UK, July 3-4, 2018.
- Session Presider, “Asian Experiences and Cultures Transnationally.” August 14, 2017. American Sociological Association’s annual meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- Invited Speaker, “Global Health Equity: Examining the Social Determinants of Health.” October 3, 2016, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.
- Invited Presenter, “Grameen Bank’s Impact: Bangladesh.” FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference, April 21- 23, 2016, Denton, TX.
- Invited Presenter, “Health disparities among racial/ethnic minorities,” Vulnerable Populations Seminar, Jan 22-24, 2015, UNT Health Science Center, Ft. Worth, TX.
- Presenter, “Disaster preparedness in low-income communities: Examining the role of women empowerment and social capital.” International Community Sustainability and Professional Exchange Forum, 14-16 January 2015, TX.
- Moderator, “Social determinants of health and family violence”. American Public Health Association (APHA), 2014, New Orleans, LA.
- Chair, “Health of a diverse population”. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, Georgia, 2009. Nov 18-22.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

2022-23	Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA)
2009-21	American Sociological Association(ASA)
2011-present	American Public Health Association (APHA)
2009-13	Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
2009-10	Society for Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
2009-10	American Association for University Women (AAUW)

AWARDS

- 2016 Finalist, Outstanding Online Course, UNT Dallas.
- 2007 Outstanding Doctoral Student in Sociology, University of North Texas.
- 2003 Alvin C. Dorse Sociology Graduate Student Scholarship, UNT.

EDITORIAL SERVICES (External Reviewer)

Reviewer: Grant proposals	National Science Foundation (NSF) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant (Federal research grant, Canada)
Associate Book Editor (Journal)	Sustainable Communities Review
Reviewer: Journal Manuscripts	American Journal of Public Health Journal of Interpersonal Violence Health Education & Behavior AIDS Care HIV/AIDS Research and Palliative Care Journal of AIDS and HIV Research Violence and Victims Women & Health BMC Women's Health Sexual and Reproductive Health Health Education Research Journal of Family Studies Social Psychiatry and Psychological Epidemiology
Conference Manuscripts	American Public Health Association (APHA) Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Gerontological Society of America (GSA) European Conference on Psychological & Behavioral Sciences

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for UNT Doctoral students, Denton

Kim Eunkyung Korean-American Protestant Churches as a Vehicle for Educating, Screening, and Enrolling Korean Seniors in Services Offered by an Outside Agency: An Exploratory Study.

TimMarie Williams IHI and Health Professional-Patient Relationship among Baby Boomers with Chronic Health Conditions.

SELECTED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION

Chair, Gallup Task Force, LAS committee, 2023- present
Member, Faculty Work Life Committee, 2024- present
Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, 2024- present
Member, LAS Strategic Planning Committee, 2020- present
Chair, LAS Community Engagement Strategic Subcommittee, 2022- present
Member, Criminal Justice and Sociology Advisory Board, 2021-present
Member, Lecturer Search Committee, Criminal Justice and Sociology, 2022 Facebook page Admin, Criminal Justice and Sociology, 2020-present
Member, LAS Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, 2019-2022
Faculty Advisor, Active Minds student club, 2019-present
Member, Faculty Handbook Committee, 2021-present
Member, Instructional Technology Committee, 2020- present
Principal Investigator, STRONG mental health program, 2019-2021
Offered Kognito mental health training program; 665 students trained
Hosted QPR suicide prevention training; 313 students, faculty/staff trained
Hosted numerous mental health outreach events off and on-campus
McNair Scholar Mentor, 2019- present
Member, Search Committee for Public Health Lecturer, 2021
Chair, Faculty Appeal Committee (ad hoc), 2019
Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, 2017-19
Member, LAS Dean Search Committee, 2019
Member, Faculty Work Life Committee, 2016-2019
Reviewer, Faculty Annual Evaluation, LAS, 2018-present
Chair, Program Coordinator Subcommittee, 2017
Member of Teaching Review Team, LALS, 2014-2021
Member, Faculty-students Appeals (Ad Hoc), 2017
Member, University Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2016-17
Member, UNTD undergraduate research symposium, 2017
Chair, Search Committee, Lecturer in Sociology, 2014 Spring

Member of Grant Writer Search Committee, 2015 Spring
Member of Psychology Search Committee, 2015 Spring
Member of Division Curriculum Committee, 2013-14
Member of online Task Force, 2014
Member of the UNTD Distance Learning Advisory Council, Fall 2012- 2015
Member, Prior Learning Assessment Committee, 2014
Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Student Association, Fall 2013-2014
Member of the Sociology Lecturer Search Committee, Spring 2013 Member of Division
Webpage Committee, 2010-11
Faculty Advisor, Health Psychology BAAS Degree Program, 2011

Media Appearances

Interviewed by KERA News, July 6, 2023

<https://www.keranews.org/health-wellness/2023-06-20/texas-native-american-mental-health>

Tweeted by the American Sociological Association:

<https://twitter.com/ASAnews/status/1189957821103837184>

Featured in CBS 11 news by Robbie Owens. April 2019:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/unt-dallas-students-raise-awareness-skyrocketing-suicide-rates/>

Featured in CBS 11 News, September 10, 2019:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/suicide-survivor-talks-mental-health-struggles-at-unt-dallas/>

Interviewed by Dallas Innovates

“Never Give Up: A UNT Dallas Sociology Professor is bringing the stigma of suicide out in the open. “

<https://muckrack.com/link/MAH7F/never-give-up-a-unt-dallas-sociology-professor-is-bringing-the-stigma-of-suicide-out-in-the-open-dallas-innovates>

Interviewed by Urban Advantage podcast, April 2019.

<https://m.facebook.com/UrbanAdvPodcast/videos/episode-12-mental-health-awareness-and-greg-gives-ben-some-new-dad-advice/350756542451907/>