

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Sharin Shajahan Naomi

Current position:

Assistant Professor, Gender Studies

Asian University for women¹.

EDUCATION

Ph.D

Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia,

School of Education and Humanities

Date of conferral: May, 2018

Masters of Arts in Human Rights

Center for Human Rights Education. Curtin University, Perth Western Australia, MA

Bachelor in Law

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

¹ Asian University for Women is an independent, international university in Chittagong, Bangladesh seeking to educate a new generation of women leaders in Asia. The students are from 17 different countries including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Srilanka, Pakistan, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan, Myanmar, Thailand, Yemen etc.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENT

- Cornell Climate Online Fellowship, Fall- 2019, Civic Ecology Lab, Cornell University
- Team member, The Demographic and Health Surveys 2020 Fellowship by USA Aid
- Murdoch International Postgraduate Research Scholarship for PhD 2013
- Australian Leadership Award 2010 (Masters of Arts in Human Rights)
- Best Presentation Award, Curtin Post-Graduate Humanities Research Conference, Australia, 2010
- Outstanding Annual Progress Report 2016, Graduate Research Office, Murdoch University
- Best Mooter Award 2005, First Law Review Moot court Competition, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Best Mooter Award in 8th Human Rights Summer School, Bangladesh, 2007
- Best Memorial Award, First Regional Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Delhi, 2005 (team representing Bangladesh), Organized by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 2005 and The Indian Society of International Law
- Champion Trophy and Best Memorial Award 2005, 5th National Henry Dunant Moot Court Competition on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Organized by ICRC and Faculty of law, University of Dhaka (team representing University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)
- Best Fighting Spirit Award, Asia Cup 2007 Moot court competition on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Japan (Team representing Bangladesh), jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the International Law Students Exchange Council
- 4TH Place among top five Mooters, Asia Cup 2007 Moot Court Competition on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Japan

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

1. Guest lecturer, 'Women and development: Alternative approaches', Women's Rights Unit, Masters of Arts in Human Rights Programme, Center for Human Rights Education, Curtin University, Western Australia, 25/10/2014,
2. Guest lecturer, Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice: Ethnic and Gender equality. Approaches to the Study of Religion Unit. Murdoch University, 21/10/2016

3. Advisor for Moot Court team (For International Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition), University of Indonesia. (9/1/2011 to 19/1/2011)
4. Facilitator, Workshop on spirituality for queer people, Curtin Guild, Perth, Western Australia, July, 2011
5. Moot court instructor, 10th Human Rights Summer School, Bangladesh, December 2009
6. IELTS instructor (International English Language Testing System), Gateway Coaching Centre, Bangladesh (casual, 2004 -2007)
7. Home based tutor (from 2001-2003)
8. Personal Tutor, Grace Simpkins Personal Tutors, Perth Western Australia

Research Experience

- **Advisor** for students under Summer Project 2019. *Economic and social empowerment of women in Hunza (Pakistan) through Apricot farming*, Asian University for Women.
- **Advisor** for students under Summer Project 2019, *Sexual Harassment in the streets of Kabul*.
- **Advisor** for senior thesis, *Marital rape in Bangladesh*

- **Research Assistant, Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University, Western Australia.** (September to December, 2016)

Project: *Human Rights History across Cultures and Religion*

- **Internship, Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University, Western Australia** (April 2010 to July 2011)

Project: *Australian government's foreign policy on human rights of the indigenous people in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh* (this internship was part of Australian Leadership Development Programme)

- **Research Associate, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC**

Since 15-9-2007 –2018 (including study leave)

Completed Research Projects:

- *Survey for SPA Results Framework– 2017*
- *Impact of BRAC's coordinated approach of violence against women and children*
- *Study on staff satisfaction and BRAC's organizational transformation*
- *Quick study on Organizational transformation of BRAC and Staff Satisfaction*
- *Exploring Livelihoods of Plain Land Indigenous People in Bangladesh: Baseline Findings of Integrated Development Programme for indigenous People*
- *Human Rights Lawyering: Expanding the Role of BRAC Panel Lawyers in Legal Empowerment*
- *Exploring formal and informal justice of Indigenous communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts*
- *Revisiting Group Dynamic and Legal Right of Legal Rights Implementation Committee of Human Rights and Legal Aid Services*
- *Modifying Human Rights and Legal Education Course for Human Rights and Legal Services*
- *Legal empowerment through human rights and legal education course*
- *Legal challenges in rape cases: The Role of Human Rights and Legal Services Programme of BRAC*

Research Assistant, Manusher Jonno Foundation, NGO, Bangladesh (Year: 1/1/2006 to 1/5/2006 and 1/1/2007 to 3/3/2007)

(Manusher Jonno Foundation provides funding and capacity building support to organizations working on critical issues related human rights and governance)

Part time

Research Projects:

Right to information in Bangladesh

Access to justice in Bangladesh

Research Assistant, Ain o Salish Kendra, a legal aid and human rights organization, Bangladesh

(Year: 1/5/2006 to 1/11/2006)

Part time and contractual

Research Project:

Human Rights and Building Construction Laws in Bangladesh

Other professional experience

1.Interpreter, Training on sexuality and rights,TARSHI (Talking About Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues), India based NGO Issues and Bandhu Welfare Society, Bangladesh

Year: May 17 -19, 2012

2.Street lawTrainer and Office executive,Empowerment of Law through Common People, NGO, Bangladesh

(Non-governmental human rights education, research and training organization)

Year: September,2004 to July, 2007

AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION

i.Video (script writing and role play) : One love religion: Healing anger against Burqa in Australia, Perth, 2010. Australia.

ii. Camera Helper. Research Project.School of Education.Murdoch University, Perth. 2016

iii. Photography. Resilience Project, Murdoch University (Sep to October 2016)

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

1. Guest Speaker, Covid 19 and Domestic Violence in Bangladesh: Feminist Perspective. Conference : Law 2.0 and Vulnerable. Organized by Lucknow University Moot Court Association, 14 June, 2020.
2. Key Note Speaker, Women In Leadership Festival-2021, March 23-24, 2021, Bangladesh Brand Forum.
3. Special Guest Keynote Speaker, Invoking Non Western Voice in Feminist Narrative. Conference on Gender Studies. 16-18 September, 2020. Organized by Cape Comorin Trust India and Lavender Literary Trust, India.
4. Distinguished Speaker, " Local Women's Voices for Peace EConference" September 21-24, 2020, Coady Institute in collaboration with partners including the Institute of

Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Pakistan, and other global partners for instance Nobel Women Initiative

5. Presenter, Domestic Violence in Bangladesh, Asia ProBono Conference 2020, Organized by I-PROBONO
6. Presenter, From pity objects to fully potential subjects: Refugee epistemology and Rohingya women. In “Remaking Rohingyas? Life & Land, Aims & Claims”. BY Global Studies & Governance (GSG) Program Independent University Bangladesh January 24, 2021.
7. Presenter, ‘Promoting Women Empowerment Programme on South Asia’, in “Women’s Economic Inclusion: From Theory to Practice”, The First-Ever Regional Conference Organized by the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) and The Women’s Center (TWC), 16th December, 2019.
8. Presenter, Tibetan Buddhism and Feminism in an in-between space: A creative Critical Autoethnography in a non-western women’s voice, British Autoethnography Conference, Bristol, 22-23 July, 2019. <http://boomerang-project.org.uk/meet-presenters/>
9. Presenter, ‘A creative-critical conversation between feminism and Vajrayana Buddhism’, Murdoch University Postgraduate Students Association Multidisciplinary Conference 2013
10. Presenter, Dialogue between Tibetan Buddhism and Feminism in Buddhist Women’s Lives, 4th International Conference Buddhism & Australia, Perth, Western Australia, 26-28 February, 2015,
11. Presenter, ‘Unfolding the dynamics of the conversation between feminism and Tibetan Buddhism’, Symposium ‘Faith in motion: Religion in the 21st Century’, University of Western Australia, 2014
12. Presenter, ‘Creative-critical conversation between feminism and Tibetan Buddhism’, *First* post graduate colloquium, the Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University. 8 August 2015
13. Presenter, ‘Creative-critical conversation between feminism and Tibetan Buddhism’, *2nd* post graduate colloquium, the Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University. 6 August 2016
14. Presenter, ‘Writing auto ethnography for producing knowledge in alternative way’, Fogarty Foundation Postgraduate Research Forum, University of Western Australia. 17 November 2015.
15. Presenter, ‘Women barefoot lawyer's role in conflict resolution in rural Bangladesh’ in Ninth Annual Conflict Transformation Workshop: Gender, Democracy and Peace building in South Asia, December 1 – 4, 2011, New Delhi, India; organized by the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP)

16. When the interference and guidance in research comes from Lord Buddha, Curtin Post-Graduate Humanities Research Conference, Australia, 2010
17. Presenter, 'International law and terrorism' in the symposium on 'International Treaties and Terrorism', Japan, September, 2007
18. Panellist, Early Marriage, International Girl child day, 11th October 2019, Asian University For Women, Bangladesh
19. Moderator for the Panel on "Role of men in addressing violence against women", Human Rights and Human Dignity Conference, April 19-21, 2019, Asian University for Women, Bangladesh
20. Presenter, Seminar on legal challenges of the cases on rape and alternative dispute resolution, June, 2009, BRAC, Bangladesh

INVITED TALKS , PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS

1. Special guest and presenter , 'Educate girls, change the world'. Meaningful Movies event, Amnesty International, Western Australia, Thursday, 16 October 2014
2. Special Guest and presenter, International Women's Day theme: Make it happen, School of instrumental music, 23 March, Perth, 2015
3. Presenter, 'Role of leaders: My own experience', Australian Leadership Conference, Canberra, March, 2010, Australia
4. Presenter, Writing auto ethnography: An alternative way of producing knowledge, School of Education, Murdoch University, 1st December 2015
5. Presenter, 'The tale of my leadership journey', Ausaid Leadership Development Workshop, Canberra, Australia, March, 2011
6. Presenter, 'Silent Tears of Indigenous Women in Bangladesh', Curtin Human Rights Centre, Australia, December, 2010
7. Speaker, AusAID Graduation Ceremony, 2011, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia
8. Presenter, The introductory course for AusAID students, Learning Centre, February, 2011, Curtin University, Australia
9. Participant and Presenter on 'My Favourite Leader', AusAID Leadership Development workshop, 2010, Perth, Australia
10. Presenter, 'What makes you successful in the university', Curtin Start Up Programme for new students, Perth, Western Australia, February, 2011

11. Speaker, International Students Forum, Organized by Education Department of Western Australia, 2010 and 2011
12. Participant, Training on Economical, Social and Development Rights, Organized by Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal, 2008
13. Participant in ‘Daily Star roundtable of young professionals’, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2007
14. Participant, Women Integral Workshop, January 2011, Bali, Indonesia
15. Presenter, ‘Have you heard the story more than I have said?’ Three Minutes Thesis Competition. Murdoch University. August 2015

PUBLICATIONS

(ARTICLES/PAPERS/WORKING PAPER/MONOGRAPHS/RESEARCH REPORTS/CONFERENCE PAPERS/CHAPTER OF BOOK)

1. Purdah in an in-between space - An auto-ethnography of a Bangladeshi woman. In “Voices on South Asia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Women’s Status, Challenges and Futures”. National University of Singapore and World Scientific. 2020
2. Prevalence and Determinants of Adolescent Fertility: Analysis of 2014 Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (English). Co author, 2020. *DHS Working Paper*. <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-wp168-working-papers.cfm>
3. The Plight of a Nation without a State: An Analysis of the Struggle of Kurds for an Independent State, Co-Author, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences International Journal (LASSIJ), IDEA PUBLISHERS, 2020 vol. 4(2), pages 400-412.
4. Child Sexual Abuse in Pakistan: From Tears Shed to Lives Lost, Co-Author, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences International Journal (LASSIJ), 2020, 4 (1), IDEA PUBLISHERS,
5. Doctoral thesis in a non-western voice: A Bangladeshi woman’s creative-critical autoethnography on Tibetan Buddhism and feminism. In ‘Re-Imagining doctoral writing’, edited by Terry Myers Zawacki, Magnus Gustafsson, and Joan Mullin. Print editions will be produced by University Press of Colorado (Will be Published in August 2021)
6. Life Becomes Harder: Intersectional Feminist Lens to Dis/abled Experience of Women in Afghanistan during Covid 19 Pandemic and Post Covid Development Context. *Disability and the Global South (DGS)*, 2021 Vol.8, No. 1
7. Exploring the subjectivity of rohingya refugee adolescent girls in a space of healing and uncertainty: what feminist stand point theory can offer. *Refugee Research Online*, 27

November. <https://refugeereseearchonline.org/exploring-the-subjectivity-of-rohingya-refugee-adolescent-girls-in-a-space-of-healing-and-uncertainty-what-feminist-stand-point-theory-can-offer/>

8. Community Empowerment and Local Governance (Co author) In ‘Driving Development: A Story of BRAC's Evolution and Effectiveness’. The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2016
9. ‘Human Rights and Legal Aid Services’ (Co author) In ‘Driving Development: A Story of BRAC's Evolution and Effectiveness’. The University Press Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2016
10. Indigenous dispossession continues apace in Bangladesh. Online Opinion. Australian E Journal of Social and Political Debate. 21 October, 2010. Available at <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=11128>
11. “Exploring the subjectivity of Rohingya Refugee Adolescent girls in a space of healing and uncertainty: What Feminist Stand Point Theory Can Offer”, 27 November, 2019. *Refugee Research Online*. Available at <https://refugeereseearchonline.org/exploring-the-subjectivity-of-rohingya-refugee-adolescent-girls-in-a-space-of-healing-and-uncertainty-what-feminist-stand-point-theory-can-offer/>
12. ‘Who is Human Rights Summer School?’ Paper published in ‘Human Rights Summer School Manual 2010’, December 2010, Empowerment of Law Through Common People : Dhaka, Bangladesh
13. Revisiting Group Dynamic and Legal Rights, Working paper, Issue 15, Nov 2010, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC, Bangladesh
14. State of Justice in Chittagong Hill Tracts: Exploring the Formal and Informal Justice Institutions of Indigenous Communities. Monograph Series No 44, January – 2011, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC, Bangladesh . Available at http://www.bracresearch.org/monographs_details.php?v=0&tid=601
15. Exploring Livelihoods of Plain Land Indigenous People in Bangladesh: Baseline Findings of Integrated Development Programme for indigenous People, Research report, Aug, 2014, BRAC, Bangladesh
16. The Legal Challenges on the way to Judicial Remedy in Rape Cases: The Role of Human Rights and Legal Services Programme of BRAC, BRAC Research Report 2009. Available at http://www.bracresearch.org/reports/the%20legal%20challenges_new.pdf
17. Human Rights Lawyering: Expanding the Role of BRAC Panel Lawyers in Legal Empowerment, BRAC Research Report 2010. Available at <http://www.bracresearch.org/reports.php?scat=25>
18. Modifying Human Rights and Legal Education Course for Human Rights and Legal Services, BRAC, BRAC Report, December, 2011. Available at http://www.bracresearch.org/reports_details.php?scat=25&v=0&tid=638

19. Legal empowerment through human rights and legal education course: Observations and recommendations from field visits, BRAC Research Report, 2011

Available at: <http://research.brac.net/new/staff/legalempowerment>

20. When the interference and guidance in research comes from Lord Buddha, Curtin Humanities Post Graduate Conference 2010, Australia. Available at

http://hgsoconference.curtin.edu.au/local/pdf/Naomi_2011.pdf

21. Whether Death Penalty should exist or not ? – Law and Rights, the Daily Star newspaper. October 22, 2005 <http://www.thedailystar.net/law/2005/10/04/index.htm>,

22. The legal aspects of Saddam Hussein Trial - Law and Rights, the Daily Star newspaper. 24 December, 2005. www.thedailystar.net/law/2005/12/04/analysis.htm

23. The first War Crime Tribunal for British Soldiers: Scope of making the trial a comprehensive one, April 1, 2006, Law and Rights, the Daily Star newspaper. <http://www.thedailystar.net/law/2006/04/01/monitor.htm>

24. The story of an exemplary judgment in rape case - Law and Rights, the Daily Star newspaper. 13 Sep 2008 . www.thedailystar.net/law/2008/09/02/index.htm

25. Terrorism and International law - Law and Rights, the Daily Star. Nov 17, 2007 <http://www.thedailystar.net/law/2007/11/03/watch.htm>

26. Analysing indigenous laws from the perspective of human rights- May 23, 2009 Law and Rights page, The Daily Star www.thedailystar.net/law/2009/05/03/campaign.htm

27. The application of The 4th Geneva Convention in 21st Century- Paper, Presented in Pune, Symbolic College, Edict Conference, 2006, India

28. A celebration of learning with a glittering hope, Compendium, 8th International Residential School on Economic, Social and Development rights. Kathmandu School of Law, 2013. Available at :

<http://www.ksl.edu.np/esdr/esdr%20compendium%202013.pdf>

29. Dialogue between Tibetan Buddhism and feminism in Buddhist women's lives, Buddhism and Australia, Conference paper, International conference on Buddhism and Australia 2015.

Available at:

http://buddhismandaustralia.com/index.php?title=Dialogue_between_Tibetan_Buddhism_and_feminism_in_Buddhist_women%E2%80%99s_lives_by_Sharin_Shajahan_Naomi

Accepted for Publication

‘Online Anti rape movement in Bangladesh: Exploring feminist consciousness of female university students’ In Globalization and Cultural Transformations among the Youth: A Study of Public and Private Universities in Bangladesh, the Center for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Dhaka.

Affiliation with Club and Academic Committee

Advisor, Afghan Arts and Culture Club, Asian University for Women.

Advisor, Multi-lingual Club, Asian University for Women

Advisor, Women Empowerment Club, Asian University for Women

Advisor, Anthology Club, Asian University for Women

Member, Academic Action Committee, Asian University for Women

Member, Summer Research Sub-Committee, Asian University for Women (2020)

Member, Student Experience Committee (October 2018-June 2019)