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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Syeda S. Jesmin, a medical sociologist/social epidemiologist, is an Associate Professor of sociology at University of North Texas at Dallas. Her scholarly interests center on policy relevant research in women's health, particularly women's reproductive and sexual health in the developing countries. Much of her work focuses on the community-health relationship, including the ways in which community disadvantages increase women's vulnerability to HIV, intimate partner violence, and other health problems. Dr. Jesmin's most recent work appeared in the top interdisciplinary social sciences journal *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. Her prior work has appeared in *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Violence and Victims*, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, *Women & Health*, *Health Care for Women International*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Educational Gerontology*, and several other peer reviewed journals. She has received funding from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, Co-PI/Evaluator), and Administration on Aging (AoA, Evaluator). Dr. Jesmin has been an innovator in the area of online instruction at UNT Dallas. Along with new course development and consistently high teaching evaluations, Dr. Jesmin is rated excellent in the area of teaching. She previously taught at Southern Methodist University (SMU), and University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). Courses that Dr. Jesmin teaches include Medical Sociology, Sociology of Mental Health and Illness, Health Promotion, School and Community Health, Research Methods, Social Stratification, and Capstone.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2008 Medical Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
M.P.H. 2004 Public Health, UNT Health Science Center, Ft. Worth, TX.
M.A. 2001 Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas.
M.S.S. 1996 Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2016- Present **Associate Professor (tenured)**, Department of Sociology and Psychology, University of North Texas at Dallas (UNTD), Dallas, Texas.
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.

- 2005-08 **Lecturer**, Department of Sociology, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, Texas.
- 2002-2005 Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record), Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
- 2001-2002 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
- 1999-2001 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

PUBLICATIONS (Refereed Journal Articles)

- Jesmin, S. S.**, & Amin, I. (2016). Mass media campaign to change social norms related to violence against women: Findings from a national survey. *Journal of Family Violence*. DOI: 10.1007/s10896-016-9837-8; Link: http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-016-9837-8?wt_mc=Internal.Event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorOnlineFirst
- 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), DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0157760
Link: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0157760>
- Jesmin, S. S.** (2015). Social determinants of married women's attitudinal acceptance of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI: 10.1177/0886260515597436. Link: <http://jiv.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/08/04/0886260515597436.abstract>
- 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.
Link: <http://link.springer.com/article/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), Dec Issue. Link: http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/springer/vav/pre-prints/content-VV2015-Jul_FastTrack_A4_Jesmin_001-020
- 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.
DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2014.901561. Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13691058.2014.901561>

- 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.
DOI: 10.1080/03630242.2013.822456
Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03630242.2013.822456>
- 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.
DOI:10.1080/07399332.2012.736571
Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/07399332.2012.736571>
- Jesmin, S. S., & Seward, R. (2011).** Parental leave and fathers' involvement with children in Bangladesh: A comparison with United States. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies, 42*(1), 95-112. Link:
http://www.jstor.org/stable/41604584?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents
- Jesmin, S. S., Amin, I., & Stan, I. (2011).** Sustainability of seniors in low- and middle-income societies. *Educational Gerontology, 37*(6), 548-557.
Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03601277.2011.570220>
- 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.

Other Publications: Invited book review

- Jesmin, S. S. (2014).** Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America. *Journal of Women & Ageing, 26*(4), 369-371.
Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08952841.2014.919202>
- Jesmin, S. S. (2017).** Best Laid Plans: Cultural Entropy and the Unraveling of AIDS Media Campaigns. Invited book review for *Social Forces*.

(Manuscripts under Review)

- Rahman, M., Ferdous, J. & **Jesmin, S. S.** (2016). Association between intimate partner violence during pregnancy and maternal pregnancy complications among recently delivered women in Bangladesh. *Reproductive Health*.

(Manuscripts under Preparation)

Jesmin, S. S. & Rahman, M. (2016). Changes in HIV-related knowledge among married women in Bangladesh: Which group has benefited the most from the HIV prevention programs? Target Journal: *American Journal of Public Health*.

Moore, A., **Jesmin, S. S.**, Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2016). Correlates of intentional weight loss among Americans: Independent and joints associations.

GRANTS FUNDED

Evaluator 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. Project duration: 2010-12.

Co-PI & Evaluator ULM Helping Educators and Learners Prevent Suicide, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Project duration: 2009-2012, (Funded) \$219,000.

Co-PI Evaluation of Adult Day Health Care Providers in Louisiana. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Duration: 2009-10, (Funded), \$19,998.

PI Pregnancy and Health Seeking Behavior of the urban slum women in Dhaka City. Essential National Health Research, Bangladesh. Young Researcher Grant Award, Essential National Health Research, Bangladesh. 1997, (Funded) \$2,000.

GRANTS NOT FUNDED

PI Empowering women for safer sex. Grant proposal submitted to American Association of University Women (AAUW). 2014.

PI Green Acres Healthy Bodies. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), (Not funded), \$49,999.

PI 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). 2009, (Not funded), \$299,800.

Evaluator Home Environmental Skill-Building Program for Dementia Family Caregivers in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA). 2009, (Not funded) \$1,056,943.

- Evaluator Review and approval of dementia curricula in long-term settings, Department of Health and Hospitals. 2009, (Not funded).
- PI Adolescent Sexual Behaviors and Teenage Pregnancy in Union Parish: Pilot study into the Prevalence, Underlying Causes, and Potential Prevention Strategies. Living Well Foundation. 2008, (Not funded). \$34,000.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

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| 2009-13 | Member | American Sociological Association (ASA) |
| 2011-16 | Member | American Public Health Association (APHA) |
| 2011-12 | Member | Southwestern Sociological Association (SSA) |
| 2009-11 | Member | Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) |
| 2009-13 | Member | Gerontological Society of America (GSA) |
| 2009-10 | Member | Society for Study of Social Problems (SSSP) |
| 2009-10 | Member | American Association for University Women (AAUW) |

PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Moore, A., Jesmin, S. S., Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2016). 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.
Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/143am/webprogram/Paper335955.html>
- 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.
Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/143am/webprogram/Paper336056.html>
- 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.
Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/142am/webprogram/Paper308209.html>
- 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.

Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/142am/webprogram/Paper310554.html>

- 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.
Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/141am/webprogram/Paper283169.html>
- 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.
Link: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/141am/webprogram/Paper292957.html>
- 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. November 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 (MSA), Baton Rouge, LA, October 10-13.

- 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, MODERATOR

- 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, January 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, Denton, TX.
- Session Moderator** “Social determinants of health and family violence”. American Public Health Association (APHA), 2014, New Orleans, LA.
- Chair** “Health of diverse population”. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, Georgia, 2009. Nov 18-22.

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

- 2013 Sloan Certificate, University of North Texas
- 2011 Technology and Aging Workshop, University of North Texas at Denton, TX, May 3.
- 2011 Sustainable Senior Living Workshop, University of North Texas at Dallas, TX, May 6.
- 2010 Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grantee Meeting (SAMHSA), Feb 2-4, Orlando, Florida (mandatory grantee meeting).
- 2010 National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT) 4th annual meeting, March 28-30, Orlando, Florida.

AWARDS

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

EDITORIAL SERVICES (External Reviewer)

- Journal Manuscripts 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 Healthcare
Health Education Research
Journal of Family Studies
Conference Manuscripts American Public Health Association (APHA)
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

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 of the Search Committee for Lecturer in Sociology, 2014 Spring
Member of Grant Writer Search Committee, 2015 Spring
Member of Psychology Search Committee, 2015 Spring
Member of Teaching Review Team, LALS, 2014-present
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 Lecture Search Committee, Spring 2013

Member of Division Webpage committee, 2010-11

Faculty Advisor, Health Psychology BAAS Degree Program, 2011

Attended commencement 2010-2015

CITED BY OTHERS

Some of the works, particularly the publications on media effects on HIV knowledge (*Health Care for Women International*, 2013), and the paper on parental leave in Bangladesh (*Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 2011), have been widely cited and have led to publications by scholars across the globe.

Link: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=wJcJphoAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>