

# Iftekhar Amin CV

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### AREA OF EXPERTISE

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**Iftekhar Amin, Ph.D.** is a social gerontologist with expertise in inter-disciplinary research on aging, sustainable community building, and developing countries. Dr. Amin believes that the global aging is a new demographic reality, and that we need rigorous research to better understand the broad social changes to close gaps in our knowledge and develop evidence-based programs and policies for older adults. His work has appeared in peer reviewed journals including *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, *Educational Gerontology*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Journal of Family History*, and *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*. He was the recipient of Endowed Professorship of Gerontology at University of Louisiana at Monroe, and was appointed as a member of Louisiana Governor's Encore Commission. He is the elected Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition led by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. His current project (funded by AARP) focuses on age friendly communities in Dallas. Courses that Dr. Amin teaches include Social Gerontology, Long-term Care Case Management for Elderly, Sociology of Mass Communication, Minority ageing, Perspectives of Aging, Public Policy, and Images of Aging in Films.

### EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D.</b>	2008	Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
<b>M.A.</b>	2001	Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington,
<b>M.A.</b>	1996	Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
<b>B.S.</b>	1994	Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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- Fall 2010- present      **Assistant Professor** (tenure-track), Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.
- Fall 2013- present      **Gerontology Certificate Coordinator**, Department of Counseling and Human Services, UNTD, Dallas, TX.
- Fall 2008-2010      **Assistant Professor** (tenure-track), Department of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA.
- Fall 2008-2010      **Graduate Coordinator**, Gerontology Graduate Program, University of Louisiana at Monroe LA. Responsibilities: Implementation of graduate curriculum, advising, recruitment, retention, promotion & marketing of the program.
- Fall 2002 –2008      **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Sociology, and Department of Aging, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. Responsibilities: Instructor of record; taught graduate and undergraduate level courses.
- Fall 2001-2002      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
- Spring 1999-Fall 2001      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

## PUBLICATIONS (Refereed Journal Articles)

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- Amin, I.** (2017, forthcoming) Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*.
- 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](http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-016-9837-8?wt_mc=Internal.Event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorOnlineFirst)

- Amin, I.** (2014). Social capital and sexual risk behaviors among older adults in the United States. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, doi: 10.1177/0733464814547048  
**Link:** <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25245384>
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2014). Transnational caregiving: Eldercare among Bangladeshi immigrant families. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 29, 315-328. **Link:** <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10823-014-9236-7#>
- Ingman, S. & **Amin, I.** (2011). Introduction to the theme issue on Sustainable Senior Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *Educational Gerontology*, 37, 441-449.
- Jesmin, S. S., **Amin, I.**, & Ingman, S. (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.
- Ingman, S., **Amin, I.**, Clarke, E., & Brune, K. (2010). Education for an aging Planet. *Educational Gerontology*, 36(5), 394-406.
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2009). Retiring in a foreign land: how do the American retirees deal with healthcare issues in Mexico? *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 1(2):22-35.
- Seward, R. R., Yeatts, D., **Amin, I.** & DeWitt, A. (2006). Employment Leave and Fathers' Involvement with Children: According to Mothers and Fathers. *Men and Masculinities*, 8(4):405-427.
- Seward, R. R., Stivers, R. A., Igoe, D. G., **Amin, I.**, & Cosimo, D. (2005). Irish families in the twentieth century: exceptional or converging? *Journal of Family History*, 30(4), 410-430.
- Amin, I.** (2003). Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. *Sustainable Communities Review*, 6(1), 9-13.

### **(Manuscripts under Preparation)**

**Amin, I.** (2016). Older Women's Perceptions and Experiences of Abuse and Neglect in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study.

**Amin, I.** (2016). Eldercare in transnational settings: Global care chain and Mexican migrant women.

### **GRANTS & FUNDED PROJECTS**

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Principle Investigator	Age Friendly Communities in Dallas: A Survey on Hispanic Population. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). 2016, (Funded), 5,000
Principal Investigator Medicare	Statewide Outreach Assessment and Survey of Low Income Recipients. Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). 2009. (Funded), \$30,000.
Co-PI/Evaluator	Evaluation of Chronic Disease Self-Management Program in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA). 2010, (Funded) \$50,000
Principal Investigator	Evaluation of training needs of GOEA's, AAA's, COA's, Senior Center, EPS offices, and ADRC. Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, June-July 2009, (Funded) \$16,000.
Principal Investigator	Evaluation of Adult Day Health Care Providers in Louisiana. Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). 2009 (Funded), \$20,000.
Endowed Professorship	Endowed Professorship in Gerontology, University of Louisiana, Monroe. 2008-2011 (Funded). \$21,900.

## PROJECTS NOT FUNDED

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- Co-Principal Investigator      Project ACCEL: Academic Certification and Competency for Employees in Louisiana: Educating our Future Professionals in Gerontology. US Department of Labor. (Not funded).
- Co-PI      Green Acres Healthy Bodies. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2009. (Not funded), \$49,999.
- Co-PI/Evaluator      A Pilot Project to Increase Access to and Consumption of Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables and Fruits for Low-Income Families. 2009. US Department of Agriculture (USDA). (Not funded), \$299,800.
- Co-PI      Home Environmental Skill-Building Program for Dementia Family Caregivers in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA), 2009, (not funded) \$1,056,943.
- Principal Investigator      Review and approval of dementia curricula in long-term settings, Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), 2009 (not funded).
- Principal Investigator      Louisiana seniors for childhood immunization: a demonstration project, Living Well foundation, 2008, \$34,000 (Not funded).

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016    Amin, I. Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, Aug 20-23. (Accepted)
- 2015    Amin, I. Social Changes and Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.

- 2015 Amin, I. Older Women's Perceptions and Experiences of Abuse and Neglect in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.
- 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, Nov 2-4.
- 2015 Amin, I. Gaining strength from disaster: Building sustainable communities in disaster affected areas in Bangladesh. International Community Sustainability and Professional Exchange Forum, January 14-16, Denton, TX.
- 2014 Amin, I. Eldercare in transnational settings: Global care chain and Mexican migrant women. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Washington, D.C.
- 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>
- 2013 Amin, I. Transnational Care: The Experience of Caregiving for Older Parents from a Foreign Land. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA, Nov 20-24.
- 2013 Amin, I., Jesmin, 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.
- 2013 Amin, I., & Jesmin, S. "exual 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.
- 2012 Communication Technology, International Migration and Impact on the Caregiving: Case Study Bangladesh. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.

- 2012 Are you crazy? Not in my lifetime: Attitude towards nursing homes among Bangladesh elders. With Jesmin, S. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2011 Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system. *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey. March 18-22.
- 2011 Aging and informal caregiver family members in the nonwestern societies. *International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting*, Denton, Texas.
- 2011 International retirement communities in Mexico: Sustainability Issues. *Gerontological Society of America*, Boston, MA. November 11-15
- 2011 Growing old in low- and middle income societies: challenges and issues. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Las Vegas, Nevada. August 13-16.
- 2010 Sustainability of international retirement migration: to what extent American retirees' migration to foreign countries is sustainable? *American Sociological Association (ASA)* annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 International retirement migration: sustainability issues. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSA)* Annual meeting in Houston March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Building a sustainable senior living community. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA)* Annual meeting in Houston March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Global aging and retirement migration: US retirees in Mexico. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) annual meeting and educational leadership conference, Reno, Nevada, March 4-7.
- 2009 Health services utilization of South Asian elderly population. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2009 International retirement migration, *MidSouth Sociological Association (MSSA)*, Lafayette, LA, Nov 4-7.
- 2009 Long-Term Care in US, Mexico and China: A Cross-Cultural Study, *Louisiana Geriatric Society (LGS)* Mid-Year Conference, June 6, Monroe, Louisiana.

- 2009 The Role of Microcredit in Reducing Ecological Crisis. World Without Poverty Retreat, January 12, 2009, Lawton, Oklahoma.
- 2009 Aging in Mexico, with S. Ingman, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) 35th Annual Meeting, March 26, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2009 "Long-term care and south Asian elders in the United States." Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2008 International Retirement Migration, with S. Ingman, Bi-national Meeting on Gerontology, Jalisco, Mexico, August 8, 2008,
- 2007 Retiring in a foreign land: Health care issues of U.S. retirees in Mexico, Aging and Retiring in Mexico Research Forum. October 22, 2007, UNT, Denton, Texas.
- 2007 Does Internet Use Improve Quality of Life of the Elderly? Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2005 Does attitude to protect environment vary by race in the United States? Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Ontario, Canada.
- 2004 Environmental Awareness and Social Stratification in the United States, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 2004 What Parents Report about their Children, Family, and Work: Results from the 1989, 1994, and 2003 Denton Surveys. Twelfth Annual Conference on parent Education, Dallas, TX, February 19-21.
- 2004 Inequality of Internet Use and Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants. American Sociological Association Graduate Student Refereed Roundtables, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Inequality of Internet Use, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Meeting, San Antonio, TX. April 16– 19.



2002 Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Manzanillo, Mexico.

### **Session Chaired**

- 2016 FWOP Sustainability & Poverty Reduction International Conference, Denton, TX, April 21-23.
- 2009 International Conference on Parenting, Denton, TX, February 11-13.
- 2003 Small Business/Clean Business Creation @ Building Sustainable Communities in Mexico & Texas, Denton, Texas, Jan 8-11.

### **EVLUATION REPORTS**

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- 2017 "Age-friendly Hispanic Communities in Dallas." Submitted to Area Agency of Retired Persons (AARP). 29 Pages.
2009. "Evaluation of Training Needs across the Aging Services Network and Training Recommendations." Submitted to Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, Louisiana. 7 pages.
2003. "State of Texas Senior Housing Assessment: Key informant survey. Prepared for Texas Department on Aging, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs." With Ingman, S. 26 pages.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- 2009-11 Endowed Professor of Gerontology, ULM
- 2004 Recipient, Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
- 2004 President & Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, University of North Texas.
- 2003 General Secretary/Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society.

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2016-present	Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW) coalition
2016-present	Member, Dallas Area Gerontological Society (DAGS)
2011-present	Member, Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
2010-11	Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)
2010-11	Member, Southwestern Sociological Association
2009-10	Commission Member, Encore Louisiana Commission
2009	Member, Communities Acting to Benefit Louisiana's Elderly
2009	Member, Gerontological Society of America
2009	Member, Midsouth Sociological Association
2008-2010	Chapter Advisor, Sigma Phi Omega (Gamma Gamma) at ULM
2007-present	Board Member, Future Without Poverty.
2007- present	Executive Committee Member, SpaandanB-NT.
2008-present	Board of Director, Future Focus Community.
2008	Member, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, ULM
2007	Member, Advisory Council, Asset Building Coalition of Dallas.
2006-present	Board Member, Denton Sustainable living Council, Texas.
2003	Volunteer, Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement

## **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Member**

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Precious Osuoha,	“Let’s culturally speak on dementia: The benefits of caring for a family member with dementia and how occupational therapists can help improve and maintain caregiver’s positive feelings towards caregiving”. Doctoral Student, Texas Woman’s University, TX
Patty Parker	Dissertation topic to be determined Applied Gerontology Doctoral Student, University of North Texas, Denton, TX
Frances Rizo	Evidence based programs, Chronic Disease Self-management, Applied Gerontology Doctoral Student, UNT, Denton, TX

## **MASTERS THESES COMMITTEE CHAIR at University of Louisiana at Monroe**

2009 Madison, Susan Green building: Senior's  
2009 Graham, Pet therapy and dementia  
2009 Roy, Deboshree Encore college: education and  
2010 Jessica Boodie  
2010 Joseph Hicks

## **EDITORIAL REVIEWER**

2012, 2014 Conference abstracts for Gerontological Society of America  
2014 Conference abstracts for American Public Health Association  
2016 NextGen Application Reviewer for the National Nonprofit Alliance  
2012 Abstract Reviewer, International Sociological Association  
2010 Co-Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Educational Gerontology*  
2004-present Associate Editor, *Sustainable Communities Review*

## **SKILLS:**

Web Technology, ArcView GIS, and Database Management

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Courses taught at UNTD (Fall 2010 to present)*

Undergraduate level: Sexuality in Aging, Aging Programs and Services for Elderly, Human Services in Non-Profits, Aging in Films and Media, Sociology of Mass Communication, Introduction to Sociology, Minority Aging, Sociology of Aging, Long-Term Case Management for Elderly.

### *Courses taught at ULM (Fall 2008 to Spring 2010)*

Undergraduate level: Perspectives of Aging, Economics of Aging

Graduate level: Social Gerontology, Minority Aging, Public Policy, Economics of Aging

*Courses taught at UNT (Fall 2002-Summer 2008)*

Undergraduate level: Introduction to Sociology, World Population, Environment and Society, Minority Aging, Cultural Context of Aging, Individuals in Society, Quantitative Methods in Social Research, Race and Ethnic Minorities.

Graduate: Micro-finance in Developing Nations

**SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

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**Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW), Dallas:** Elected Co-Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition led by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

**Independent Transportation Network to Dallas:** Serves on the Advisory Board

**Age Friendly Communities Stakeholder:** Serves on the Advisory Board

**My Ride Coalition, Dallas:** Serves as Member

**USDA Southwest Regional Office:** Worked with USDA southwest regional office to host a summer feeding program for k-12 kids, educational programs and experiential learning opportunities for UNT Dallas students

**AARP:** Worked with AARP to conduct supplementary surveys within the Hispanic Latino community to ensure inclusiveness in Dallas Age-Friendly Communities initiative.

**Grace Presbyterian Village:** Created service learning and internship opportunities for UNT Dallas students.

**Future Without Poverty (FWOP):** Board Member, and Faculty advisor, FWOP UNT Dallas Student chapter.

**City of Dallas Senior Service Commission:** Worked with several members on elderly issues.

**Dallas Area Agency on Aging and Community Council of Greater Dallas:** Hosted several training programs at UNT Dallas to train students and community members on Fall Prevention and Chronic Disease Self-Management.

**Dallas Area Gerontology Society (DAGS):** Worked with DAGS to create scholarship opportunities for UNT Dallas Applied Gerontology Students.

### **INVITED SPEAKER/TRAINER**

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2017 Invited Speaker, Programs and services for older adults in Dallas. Significant Seniors Health Fair, January 28.

2016 Trainer, Fall Prevention & Chronic Disease Self-Management, UNT Dallas, June 7-July 12

2016 Invited Presenter, Successful aging. Age Well Live Well, Dallas.

2016 Invited Discussant, FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference, April 21- 23, 2016, Denton, TX.

2014 Interviewed by Dallas Morning News.  
<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140214-the-sex-lives-of-seniors.ece>

2013 Invited by National University Commission, Nigeria. In a two-week workshop to train academic staff and Nigerian University faculty members for the UNT Specialist Ageing Certificate in Applied Gerontology. July, 2013

- 2013 Invited Speaker at Grand Round UNT Health Science Center, October 30
- 2013 Invited Speaker Educator's Forum UNT Health Science Center, October 30
- 2011 Invited Speaker at *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey.  
Topic: "Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system."

## **SELECTED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY**

- Member, Strategic Committee: People & Groups, 2016, 2017
- Member, Strategic Committee: Active Learning, 2016, 2017
- Member, CDFS lecture search committee, 2017
- Member, Curriculum committee, 2012
- Member, Assessment Council, 2012, 2013
- Member, Distance Learning Advisory Council, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Member, Academic Affairs Committee 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015
- Member, Study Abroad AD HOC Committee, 2013
- Member, Civic Engagement through Service Learning Steering Committee, 2011
- Member, Lecturer of Human Services search committee, 2013, 2014

## **CITED BY OTHERS**

Some of my works have been widely cited and have led to publications by scholars across the globe. Please see the google citation link below:

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qtNOGxoAAAAJ&sortby=pubdate&view\\_op=list\\_works](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qtNOGxoAAAAJ&sortby=pubdate&view_op=list_works)