

# SAIFA TAZRIN

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## Education

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- 2027** (expected)     **Ph.D., Sociology**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Dissertation: From Protest to Propaganda? Examining Social Media and AI-Powered Narrative Engineering in Gendered Electoral Politics  
Committee: Dr. Patricia Richards (Chair), Dr. Diana Graizbord, Dr. Pablo Lapegna
- 2025**     **M.A., Sociology**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Thesis: Defying the Dress Code: Understanding Bangladeshi Women's Motivations for Clothing Decisions in the Face of Violence
- 2025**     **Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2022**     **LL.M., Law**, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2020**     **LL.B., Law**, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh

## Areas of Specialization

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Political Sociology	Feminist and Qualitative Methodologies
Gender and Violence	Sociology of Religion
Gender and Development	Law, Crime and Deviance

## Publications

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### Works under Review

- 2026**     **Saifa Tazrin**, and Richards, Patricia. "Violate-able Bodies: Re-examining the Relationship Between Clothing and Gendered Harassment." Special Issue of the *Journal of Violence Against Women: Coercive Violence*.
- 2026**     Brown, Virginia, Pham, Thuy, **Saifa Tazrin**, and Carroll, Ashley. "Beyond Ready Framework in Action: How Georgia's 4-H Program Helps Youth to be Beyond Ready"
- 2025**     **Saifa Tazrin**. "Resisting Religiously: Gendered Clothing, Social Constraints, and Implicit Religion among Bangladeshi Women." Special Issue of the *Journal of Beliefs and Values: Implicit Religion*.

### Manuscripts in Progress

- 2026**     **Saifa Tazrin**, Brown, Virginia, Pham, Thuy, and Carroll, Ashley. "Youth Participation in 4-H in Middle School: Past Program Participants' Experience and Perspective."
- 2026**     **Saifa Tazrin**, and Richards, Patricia. "Religion, Respectability, and Colonial Legacy: Through the Lens of Women's Clothing Agency in Bangladesh."

## Published Works

- 2021** **Saifa Tazrin**, and Ferdush, K. Tamanna. (2021). Evaluating the Social, Political and Economic Reasons behind Gender-Based Violence in South Asia: A Case Study of Bangladesh. *International Journal of Law Management and Humanities*, 4(4), 3351-3374.
- 2021** **Saifa Tazrin**. Laws and Precedents for Protecting the Working Women's Rights in India. *Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research*, 2(2), 1173-1186.
- 2019** **Saifa Tazrin**. Private Photos Leaked Online: How Can a Celebrity Get Justice in Bangladesh? *Bangladesh Law Digest*.

## Paper and Panel Presentations

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- 2025** You, Ziyang, **Tazrin, Saifa**, Bender, Mark, Panel Presentation on "Advancing Global Asian Folklore Studies," *2025 American Folklore Society Annual Meeting, October 2025, Georgia, USA*.
- 2025** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "The Dress Dilemma of Bengali Middle-Class Women: A Song of Ice (Violence) and Fire (Resistance)," *120<sup>th</sup> ASA Annual Meeting, August 2025, Chicago, USA*.
- 2025** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "Beyond Dress, Sarees & Hijabs: Unlocking the Social Constraints on Clothing Choices Experienced by Muslim Women in Bangladesh," *75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSSP, August 2025, Chicago, USA*.
- 2025** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "Clothing as Resistance: Urban Middle-Class Bangladeshi Muslim Women and the Struggle for Autonomy," *Implicit Religion Conference, May 2025, UK*.
- 2025** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "Stitching Patriarchy: The Cultural Politics of Clothing and Harassment in Bangladesh," *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WGS South Conference, March 2025, Decatur, Atlanta, USA*.
- 2025** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "The Complexities of Performing Feminist Scholarship While Living through Trauma: An Autoethnographic Critique," *30<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Studies Student Research Symposium, February 2025, University of Georgia, USA*
- 2023** **Tazrin, Saifa**. "Abortion and Women's Right to Privacy: The Consequences of Reversing the Decision of Roe v. Wade in the United States," *28<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Studies Student Research Symposium, February 2023, University of Georgia, USA*
- 2020** Rafiq, Mahera B., **Tazrin, Saifa** (2020), "Right to Environmental Self-Determination of Indigenous People: A Reflection on Human Rights and Environmental Protection in Bangladesh Perspective," *BAPA-BEN 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Bangladesh Environment (ICBEN-4), 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Dhaka, Bangladesh*

## Teaching & Mentoring Experiences

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**2026 – Present**      **Instructor of Record**  
*University of Georgia, Sociology Department*  
Political Sociology (SOC 3460) (2 sections, 70 students)  
Global Perspectives on Gender (SOC 4280/ WMST 4280/ LACS 4280)  
(1 section, 30 students)

**2022 – 2025**      **Teaching Assistant**  
*University of Georgia, Sociology Department*  
Criminology SOC 3810 (Spring 2025)  
Sociology of Law SOC 4830 (Fall 2025)  
Sociology of Alcohol and Drug Abuse SOC 3860 (Fall 2024)  
Development of Sociological Theory SOC 3220 (Fall 2024)  
Criminology SOC 3810 (Spring 2023)  
Criminology SOC 3810 (Fall 2023)  
Qualitative Research Methods SOC 3570 (Fall 2022)

**2021 – 2022**      **Online Distance Learning Course Developer**  
*Ilmiya, Dhaka, Bangladesh*  
Child Abuse (two modules)  
Domestic Violence (two modules)  
First Aid Training in Bangladesh (one module)  
Sexual Harassment in Workplace (two modules)

**2020**      **IELTS Instructor**  
*Mentors, Dhaka, Bangladesh*  
Full Course (3 sections, 60 students)  
Short Online Course (2 sections, 45 students)

**2016 – 2019**      **Private Tutor**  
17 students, Grade 8-12

## Research Experience

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**2025 – Present**      **Graduate Research Intern, Office of Learning and Organizational Development (OLOD) – University of Georgia Extension, Athens, GA**

**2024**      **Summer Graduate Research Intern, Institute of Women's Studies (IWS), UGA**

**2020 – 2021**      **Legal Research Assistant, Redleaf Publishing at Legal Nexis Law Chamber, Bangladesh**

## Grants, Awards, & Honors

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- 2022 – Present**      **Graduate Teaching Assistantship Award**, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2025**                **Graduate School Travel Award**, University of Georgia (\$1200)
- 2023 – 2025**      **P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Award**, Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), (\$12,500 for the academic year of 2024 – 2025) & (\$10,000 for the academic year of 2023 – 2024)
- 2024**                **Summer Research Grant Award**, BSF Mellon Grant Foundation (\$2000 for the Maymester of 2024)
- 2021**                **Government Undergraduate Merit Scholarship Award**, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (2021) (\$500)
- 2011**                **Junior School Talent Pool Scholarship Award**, Dhaka Board, Bangladesh (2010) (\$100)

## Professional Services

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### Service to the Discipline

- 2026                Judge at Northeast Georgia Regional Contest of *National History Day (NHD)*
- 2025 – 2026      Graduate Student Board Member, *First Publics*
- 2025                Volunteer, *2025 Annual Conference of Southern Sociological Society (SSS)*
- 2024 – 2025      Junior Scholar Advisory Board Member, *Gender & Society*

### Service to the University

- 2025                Panel Moderator, CURO Research Symposium, *University of Georgia*
- 2024                Member, OGE General Scholarship Review Committee, *University of Georgia*
- 2023                Day Stuff, *Summer Academy at University of Georgia (SAUGA)*

### Service to the Department

- 2023 – present    Graduate Student Representative to the Recruitment Committee, *University of Georgia, Sociology Department*

### Inter-Disciplinary Services

- 2024 – 2025      Legal Assistant, *Law Office of Ehsan*, Atlanta, GA
- 2024                Case Manager, *NRB Homeland Solutions Ltd.*, Atlanta, GA
- 2021 – 2022      Senior Investigation Officer, *BRAC*, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2020                Associate Counsel and Mediator, *Centre for International Alternative Dispute Resolution (CIADR)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2020                Legal Advisor, *Shabash Fakibaj LLC*, USA and Bangladesh
- 2019 – 2020      Administrative Director (Membership), *Youth Group of Centre for International Alternative Dispute Resolution (YCIADR)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2019                Co-Founder, *International Youth Development Society (IYDS)*, Bangladesh

## Professional Development

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2026	GradTeach Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2023 – 2025	Certified Training on Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, <i>American Red Cross</i>
2025	Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) by Office of Institutional Diversity, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2024	Participant, 2024 Active Learning Summit, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2023	Certification on Qualitative Research Methods Analyzing Data, <i>MITx Online</i>
2023	Certification on Qualitative Research Methods: Data Coding and Analysis, <i>MITx Online</i>
2023	Certified on Protecting Youth Training, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2023	Certified on UGA's Non-discrimination and Anti-Harassment and USG's Sexual Misconduct Policies, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2021	Certified Training on Developing Self Through Self-Awareness and Seeking Feedback, <i>BRAC, Bangladesh</i>
2020	Certified Course on Time Management for Personal and Professional Productivity, <i>University of California Irvine Division of Continuing Education, USA</i>

## Professional Memberships

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- American Sociological Association (ASA) – Member
- Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) – Member
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS) – Member
- Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) – South – Member
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) – Member

## Languages

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Bengali (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Urdu (Intermediate), Spanish (Beginner)

## References

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