

Curriculum Vitae

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- Dual Ph. D. in Anthropology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University, August 2005
 - Dissertation: “Effects of Water Quality on Incidence of Disease in Rural Bangladesh”
- Dual M.A. in Anthropology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University, August 2002
 - Thesis: “Effects of Family Planning in Reducing Maternal Mortality in Developing Countries”
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill August 1995
 - Thesis: “Factors Influencing Sustainability of Family Planning NGOs in Bangladesh”
- Bachelor of Social Science (B.S.S.) in Social Welfare, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh - 1989

CAREER HISTORY

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University,

August 2008-

Courses Taught/Teaching/scheduled to teach:

Fall 2008

- ANT 320: Cultures and Disease (6 credits)
- ANT 204: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)

Winter 2009

- ANT 320: Cultures and Disease (3 credits)
- ANT 204: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (6 credits)

Spring/Summer 2009

- ANT 307: Field Techniques and Laboratory Methods in Anthropology (6 credits)

Fall 2009

- ANT 320: Cultures and Disease (6 Credits)
- Ant 300: Research Methods in Anthropology (3 credits)

Student-Faculty joint research

- Student Led Study of Public Health Risks Associated with Indoor Radon Gas in West Michigan, MI

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Mansfield University

Aug 2006-Aug 08

Courses Taught :

- Health, Culture and Disease (3 credits)
- Ethnographic Research (3 credits)
- Applied Anthropology (3 credits)
- Anthropological Field Study (3 credits)

- Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- World Cultures (3 credits)

- Anthropology of Religion (3 credits)
- Anthropological Theory (3 credits)
- Anthropology of Gender (3 credits)

Research project conducted

- Conducted “**Study of Public Health Risks Associated With Indoor Radon Gas in Mansfield, Pennsylvania**”
- Conducted a study “**Status of Recycling at MU and Recommendations for Improvement**”
- Analyzed data from The Tioga Country Health Survey – Impact of Poverty, Gender, and non-availability of Insurance on Health Care Service Access

Adjunct Faculty, Pennsylvania College of Technology

Aug 2005-Aug 06

Taught:

- Marriage and the Family (3 credits)

Ethnographer, Population Research Institute, Penn State

Aug 2005-Aug 06

Conducted research on

- Three City Study - Ethnographic Component
- Health Workers' Union Participation

Teaching Assistant, Penn State University

Aug 2002-May 2004

Courses taught:

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- Ethnographic Field Methods (3 credits)

Course redesigned:

- Ethnographic Field Methods

Graduate Research Assistant Penn State University,

Aug 1999-Jul 2005

Conducted research on

- Factors Affecting Access to Health Care By Women Residents of Dhaka Slums
- Water Quality and Incidence of Disease in Rural Bangladesh

Assistant Professor, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)

Jan 1997-July 1999

Courses taught:

- Public Health and Nutrition (3 credits)
- Environmental Health and Sanitation (3 credits)
- Population and Environment (3 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology, Principles of Sociology and Social Organization (3 credits)
- Social Science Research Methods (3 credits)

Courses redesigned:

- Public Health and Nutrition
- Social Science Research Methods

Research conducted:

- Population, Poverty and Environment

Program Officer, The Pathfinder International, US Agency for Int'l Development Oct 1989-Dec 97

Training Courses developed and conducted

- Designed and conducted short course on *Community Involvement and Healthcare Sustainability* for college teachers and other influential social leaders.
- Developed training curriculum on *Management Information System (MIS)* and *Community mobilization – Information, Education and Communication (IEC)* targeted to USAID funded NGO project managers.
- Used quantitative and qualitative research including survey methods to assess program needs.
- Conducted ethnographic study and presented findings to US Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Conducted several qualitative studies including Focus Group Discussion, Life History, and Participant-observation.
- Efficiently used various models to analyze ethnographic data.
- Developed and designed research project in the area of rural health, Mother and Child Health (MCH), and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD).
- Designed, managed, evaluated and disseminated Reproductive Health (RH), Mother and Child Health (MCH), and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) programs.

Consultant, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

06/1996-12/1996

- Worked for UNFPA to train public sector health professionals and staffs to improve the quality of services of Mother and Child Welfare Centers.

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS/ GRANTS/FELLOWSHIP/AWARD:

Articles

- Molla, Azizur R., 2009, “**Water: The Other Name of Life –A South Asian Perspective**”, a chapter of text book titled ‘Anthropology Unbound-The Reader’, The Paradise Publisher. Under review.
- Molla, Azizur R., 2007, “**Power of Culture in Selecting Health Care Providers in Rural Bangladesh- An Ethnoscience Analysis**” Review of Economic Anthropology vol. 26 The Economics of Health and Wellness: An Anthropological Perspective.
- Molla, Azizur, R, 2005, “**The Force of Custom in Bangladesh**”, ResearchPennState-on line Magazine of Scholarship and Creativity, May, 2005, <http://www.rps.psu.edu/oncampus/landscape.html>

Abstracts

- Molla, Azizur R., March 17-21, 2009, “**Radon Gas and Public Health Risks in Tioga County, Pennsylvania: An Applied Medical Anthropology project to Address Environmental Health Problem**”, at Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Meeting at Santa Fe, NM.
- Molla, Azizur R., June 22-25, 2008, “Study of Public Health Risks Associated With Indoor Radon Gas in Mansfield, Pennsylvania,” at the **National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)** annual meeting at Tucson, Arizona.
- Molla, Azizur R., March 25-29, 2008, “Sanitation, Water Contamination, and Incidence of Disease in Bangladesh”, at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting at Memphis, TN.
- Molla, Azizur R., March 27-31, 2007, “Effects of Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Diarrhea in South Asia - Global Involvement to Solve Regional Health Problem,” at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting at Tampa, FL.
- Molla, Azizur R., February 21-24, 2007, “Factors Affecting Selection of Health Care Providers in Rural Bangladesh – An Ethno-scientific Analysis,” at **Society for Cross Cultural Research (SCCR)** Meeting at San Antonio, TX,.
- Molla, Azizur R., May, 2005, “South Asian Health Scenario: Effects of Water Quality on Incidence of Diarrhea in Rural Bangladesh,” at **Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association** Meeting, Western Ontario University, London, ON.
- Molla, Azizur R. and Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, April, 2005, “Sanitation, Latrines, and Cultural Beliefs Among Bangladeshis,” at **Society for Economic Anthropology**, Dartmouth College, NH.
- Molla, Azizur R., April, 2005, “Effects of SES on Latrine use in Rural Bangladesh – A Third World Country Health Scenario,” at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting, New Mexico.

Paper & Poster

Conference Paper Presented

- Molla, Azizur R., November 19-23, 2008, “Public Health Risk Associated With Indoor Radon Gas In Tioga County, PA” at **American Anthropological Association (AAA)** Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Molla, Azizur R., June 22-25, 2008, “Study of Public Health Risks Associated With Indoor Radon Gas in Mansfield, Pennsylvania,” at the **National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)** annual meeting at Tucson, Arizona.
- Molla, Azizur R., March 25-29, 2008, “Sanitation, Water Contamination, and Incidence of Disease in Bangladesh”, at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting at Memphis, TN.
- Molla, Azizur R., Nov. 28 - Dec. 02, 2007, “Effects of Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Diarrhea in Bangladesh – An Ethnoscience Analysis,” at **2007 American Anthropological Association (AAA)** Meeting at Washington D.C.
- Molla, Azizur R., June 18-21, 2007, “Effects of Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Disease in Rural Bangladesh- An Ethno-Scientific Analysis”, at the **National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)** annual meeting at Atlantic City, NJ.

- Molla, Azizur R., March 27-31, 2007, “Effects of Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Diarrhea in South Asia - Global Involvement to Solve Regional Health Problem,” at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting at Tampa, FL.
- Molla, Azizur R., February 21-24, 2007, “Factors Affecting Selection of Health Care Providers in Rural Bangladesh – An Ethno-scientific Analysis,” at **Society for Cross Cultural Research (SCCR)** Meeting at San Antonio, TX,.
- Molla, Azizur R., November, 2006, “Effects of Pond Water Contamination on Incidence of Skin Disease in South Asia - An Ethnoscience Analysis,” at **American Anthropological Association (AAA)** Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- Molla, Azizur R., May, 2005, “South Asian Health Scenario: Effects of Water Quality on Incidence of Diarrhea in Rural Bangladesh,” at **Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association** Meeting, Western Ontario University, London, ON.
- Molla, Azizur R., April, 2005, “Effects of SES on Latrine use in Rural Bangladesh – A Third World Country Health Scenario,” at **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)** Meeting, New Mexico.
- Molla, Azizur R. and Bhandari, Prem, October 14-16, 2004, “*Visit to Traditional Versus Modern Health Care Providers in Rural Bangladesh*” at Southern Demographic Association (SDA) meeting at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Conference Paper Accepted;

- Molla, Azizur R., March 17-21, 2009, “**Radon Gas and Public Health Risks in Tioga County, Pennsylvania: An Applied Medical Anthropology project to Address Environmental Health Problem**”, at Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Meeting at Santa Fe, NM.

Poster

- Molla, Azizur R. and Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, April, 2005, “Sanitation, Latrines, and Cultural Beliefs Among Bangladeshis,” at **Society for Economic Anthropology**, Dartmouth College, NH.
- Molla, Azizur R. and Gretchen Cornwell, March 31-April 2, 2005, “Pond Water Contamination And Incidence of Disease in Rural Bangladesh”, at Population Association of America (PAA) Meeting, Philadelphia.
- Molla, Azizur R. and Gretchen Cornwell, March 31-April 2, 2005, “Tube-wells as a Community Health Intervention: Can They be Effective in Bangladesh?,” at Population Association of America (PAA) Meeting, Philadelphia.

Book

- Molla, Azizur R., 2008, “**WATER, SEWAGE, AND DISEASE IN BANGLADESH A MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**”, The Edwin Mellen Press, NY
- Molla, Azizur R, ed. 1996, “**Health and Family Planning Program in Bangladesh-Successes and Challenges: A Reference Manual**”, BRAC Printers, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Grants

- 2008, Mansfield University (MU) Faculty-Student Research Grant for Study of Public Health Risks Associated With Indoor Radon Gas in Tioga County, Pennsylvania

- 2008, MU Faculty Professional Development Committee (FPDC) grant spring 2008
- 2007, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, PA Grant 2008 for Applied Anthropology Project: Status of Recycling at MU and Recommendations for Improvement
- 2007, MU Faculty Professional Development Committee grant fall 2007
- 2007, MU Faculty Professional Development Committee grant spring 2007
- 2006, MU Faculty Professional Development Committee grant fall 2006
- 2005, Penn State's Health Services Grant

Award

- 2008, FTLC Pew Technology Enhancement Awards for Student Led Study of Public Health Risks Associated with Indoor Radon Gas in West Michigan, MI
- 2005, Mellon Foundation Research Award
- 2005, Penn State's Graduate School Award
- 2004, Penn State's International Student and Scholar award
- 2003-2004, Mellon Foundation Research Award
- 2002-03, Mellon Foundation Research Award
- 2003-04, Received US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Population Policy Communication Fellowship
- 2002, National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship

SERVICE

On Campus service

- February 18, 2009, paper "**Environmental Health Scenario: Water and Disease in South Asia:**" presented at Deshi Student Union, GVSU
- January 19, 2009, seminar "**Water Contamination and Disease Incidence in Rural Bangladesh – An Anthropological Discourse**" at Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI), GVSU
- October 24, 2008, "**Public Health Risks Associated With Indoor Radon Gas in Tioga County, Pennsylvania – An Ethnoscience Analysis**", paper at CLAS colloquium
- August 22, 2008, Presentation on **Liberal Arts Education at Transition Academic Module**, University Day Orientation 2008
- October 17, 2008, guest lecture on "**Environmental Health: Water and Disease In South Asia**" at Dr. Russ Rhoads's class
- November 19, 2008, "**Perception of AIDS Around the World: An Anthropological Discourse**", at FACE AIDS, GVSU
- Involved with Project/Program Review Network (PEN), GVSU
- Anthropology Club
- Attend weekly faculty meetings

At Mansfield University, PA

- Molla, Azizur R., July 19, 2007, **Summer Leadership Academy 2007**: Self Leadership for 9th Grade students from Elmira, NY
- Molla, Azizur R., July 19, 2007, **Diversity for Leaders**, for Mountaineer Leadership Program, Spring 2007
- Molla, Azizur R., January 30, 2007, **Environmental Health and Sanitation Scenario in Bangladesh**, Faculty Lecture Series, spring 2007

- Molla, Azizur R., February 06, 2007, **Construction of Culture for Social Justice** : Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and Nelson Mandela, at Black History Month Program
- Molla, Azizur R., February 13, 2007, **Focus on Africa: Challenges Facing The African Union**, at Black History Month Program
- Talk on **EID-Muslims' Festival** at Local Elementary School, spring 2007
- Organized Pennsylvania State System Of Higher Education Undergraduate Anthropology conference 2008

Academic Committees & Service:

- Member, Mansfield University Strategic Planning Committee -SPC
- Shared [tool to improve teaching effectiveness](#) during Univ. Days Fall 2007
- Member, Mansfield University Faculty Senate 2006-2007
- Member, Mansfield University General Education Committee
- Member, Department Faculty Evaluation Committee

Other University Service:

- Facilitator Summer Leadership Workshop 2007
- Facilitator M.U. Mountaineer Leadership Program
- Member, "Tioga County Partnership for Community Health"
- Measurement and Outcomes Work Group
- Advisor, Mansfield University Anthropology Club
- Advisor, Mansfield University International Student Organization

Off Campus service

- **I have been working with the following people to implement my radon study in West Michigan:**
 - Mr. Steve Petrides, Environmental Health Officials in Kent County
 - Dr. Stephen Mattox, Chair Geology department, GVSU and
 - Mr. Paul Haan of The Healthy Homes Coalition, Grand Rapids
- **Create awareness about radon gas and its health risk by Meeting with local community**
 - Contacted community through flyer and email
 - Presented project to a housing society in Grandville
 - Presented project to a local Church in Grandville
- Coordinated **Taste of Asia** a cultural event at Mansfield University
- Have given talk on Cultural Diversity at Mansfield Elementary School
- Involved in Mansfield Area Recreation Association (MARA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Bangla, excellent in reading, writing, and speaking