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## **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Gender, work and activism  
Social movements  
International and community development  
South Asia  
Labour and migration  
Labour movements and workers' organizations in the Global South  
Research and fieldwork (specific focus on feminist methodology and qualitative methods)  
Globally networked learning

## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Political Science: 2025**  
**York University, Toronto, Canada**  
**Dissertation nominated for York University Best Dissertation Prize and Mary McEwan Memorial Award**  
Dissertation: Activating Communities, Mobilizing Women: Affective Organizing in Bangladesh's Ready-made Garment Industry  
Committee: Katherine Nastovski (Supervisor), Ethel Tungohan, David McNally  
Major: Women and Politics; Minor: Comparative Politics

**MA, Development Studies: 2010**  
**York University, Toronto, Canada**  
Committee: Ananya Mukherjee-Reed, Eduardo Canel  
Grade obtained in Major Research Paper: A+

**BA (Honours), Political Science (Specialist), Economics (Minor), French (Minor): 2006**  
**University of Toronto, Trinity College, Toronto, Canada**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Academic Publications*

Quayyum, N. (2023). Organizing garment workers in Bangladesh: kinship circles and the affective dimension of activism. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies / Revue Canadienne d'études Du Développement*, 44(2), 191–205. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02255189.2023.2182277>

Quayyum, N. (2022). Global supply chains and the pandemic: Experiences of readymade garment workers in Bangladesh. *Syndemic Magazine*. <https://syndemic.ca/2022/03/08/issue-2-quayyum-garment-workers/>

Quayyum N. (2019). Women workers in Bangladesh's ready-made garment industry: Building an infrastructure of dissent. *Journal of Labor and Society*. 22(4).  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/wusa.12441>

Quayyum, N. (2017). Dissent and Solidarity in the Global Economy: A Review of Southern Insurgency: The Coming of the Global Working Class and Building Global Labor Solidarity in a Time of Accelerating Globalization. *New Labor Forum*.

#### *Research Reports*

Scheffel-Dunand, D., Quayyum, N. & Endersby, L. (2018). Leading from the Middle: Lessons Learned from Developing Awareness of and Competency for Globally Networked Learning among Faculty, Staff, and Students at York University. 2018 COIL Conference Proceedings. Retrieved from:  
[https://issuu.com/sunycoilcenter/docs/2018\\_coil\\_conference\\_proceedings](https://issuu.com/sunycoilcenter/docs/2018_coil_conference_proceedings)

Globally Networked Learning at York University. Globally Networked Learning Course/Module/Activity Development: Instructor Guide. (2018). Co-researcher and author.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS, HONOURS & AWARDS**

Faculty of Graduate Studies Best Thesis Prize - Nomination, York University, Toronto, 2025.

Mary McEwan Memorial Award - Nomination, York University, Toronto, 2025.

Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award - \$1,500, York Centre for Asian Research, York University, Toronto, 2014.

Ian Greene Award for Teaching Excellence – Nomination (Nominated among all Teaching Assistants in the Faculty of Liberals & Professional Studies), York University, Toronto, 2012.

Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence - \$3,000 (Selected for entrance scholarship from pool of all incoming PhD candidates), York University, Toronto, 2010.

Students for Development National Award - \$8,000 (York University's highest ranked candidate in the annual Canada-wide competition), Canadian International Development Agency, 2009.

Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence - \$10,000 (Selected for entrance scholarship from pool of all incoming M.A. candidates; self-declined), York University, Toronto, 2008.

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

*Course Directorship*

Instructor, “SOSC 4605: International Development Placement Course,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2022-Present.

Instructor, “SOSC 3006: Social Movements and Technology,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2023-Present.

Instructor, “GWST 3570: Gender and Islamophobia,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2024.

Instructor, “SOC 3355: Social Movements,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2023.

Co-instructor with Dr. Evelyn Encalada Grez, “SOSC 2211: Diversity in the Canadian Workplace,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2016 – 2017; 2017 – 2018.

### *Teaching Assistantship*

Dr. Eduardo Canel/ Dr. Miguel Gonzalez, “SOSC 1430: Introduction to Development Studies,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2012 – 2019.

Dr. Alina Marquez, “SOSC 1130: Introduction to International Migration,” York University, Toronto, Canada, 2008 – 2012.

### *Invited Guest Lectures*

SOSC 2435 - Introduction to South Asian Studies (“Gender and Neoliberalism”); York University, Toronto, Canada 2016.

ENVS 4161 - Social Movements, Activism and Social Change (“Comparative Advantage of Women’s Disadvantage: Women Workers and the Making of an Infrastructure of Dissent in Bangladesh”); York University, Toronto, Canada 2015.

## **SELECTED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

American Political Science Association: 2025 Annual Meeting (Paper presentation: Dissident Friendships: Women’s Class-Consciousness and Activism in Bangladesh); Vancouver, Canada, 2025.

Canadian Association for the Study of International Development: 2025 Annual Conference (Paper presentation: “Reflections on Fieldwork: Activists, Research, and Knowledge Production”); Toronto, Canada, 2025.

Canadian Association for the Study of International Development: 2024 Annual Conference (Paper presentation: “Women’s Activism in Bangladesh: Affective Communities and Spaces of Social Reproduction”); Montreal, Canada, 2024.

Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies: 2019 Annual Conference (Paper presentation: “Women workers in Bangladesh’s readymade garment industry: A closer look at the affective dimension of labour organizing”); University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 2019.

New Perspectives in Feminist Labour History: Work and Activism (Paper presentation: “Women Workers in Bangladesh’s Readymade Garment Industry: Building an Infrastructure of Dissent”); Bologna, Italy, 2019.

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung: Congress (Paper presentation: “Women Workers in Bangladesh’s Garment Industry: Class Consciousness, Agency and Collective Organizing”); Berlin, Germany, 2018.

Historical Materialism Toronto (Invited Discussant: Rosemary Hennessy and Cinzia Aruzza’s workshop on “Social Reproduction, Sexualities and Gendered Labour”), Toronto, Canada 2014. Geographies of Neoliberalism and Resistance After the Crisis: The State, Violence, and Labour (Paper presentation: “Confronting Disaster: Interactions Between the State, the Global Garment Industry and Gendered Labour in Bangladesh”); University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 2014.

Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference (Paper presentation: “Resisting Precarity: Gendered Labour and Possibilities for Organizing in the Bangladeshi Garment Industry”); San Francisco, USA 2014.

International Studies Association (Paper presentation: “Corporeality and the Violence of Global Garment Production: A Critical Approach to Commodity Chain Analysis”), Toronto, Canada, 2014.

International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference (Paper presentation: “Corporeality of Capitalist Production: Gendered and Racialized Women’s Work in the Garment Industry”); Palo Alto, California, USA 2013.

Yale Annual Modern South Asia Workshop (Paper presentation: “Negotiating collective identity for differentiated citizenship: processes of articulation and positioning in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh”); Yale University, New Haven, USA, 2013.

## **RELEVANT POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Graduate Associate, York University, Global Labour Research Centre, 2016 – 2025.

Graduate Associate, York University, York Centre for Asian Research, 2010 – 2025.

Research Assistant, Globally Networked Learning Project, York University, 2016 – 2019.

Managing Editor, *Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees*, Toronto, 2013 – 2015.

Co-Organizer, Historical Materialism Toronto, Toronto, 2013 – 2014.

Co-Organizer, Critical Approaches to South Asian Studies Workshop, York University, Toronto, 2013 – 2014.

Graduate Student Representative, Academic Planning, Policy and Research Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University, Toronto, 2013 – 2014.

Undergraduate Curriculum Development Assistant, York University, Department of Politics,  
Toronto, 2010 – 2011.

### **FIELD RESEARCH**

Bangladesh (Dhaka), December 2015  
Bangladesh (Dhaka), June – August, 2015  
Bangladesh (Dhaka), July – November 2014  
Bangladesh (Dhaka), May – August 2009

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2025 – Present  
Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), 2019 – Present  
Canadian Association of Work and Labour Studies (CAWLS), 2019 – Present  
Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID), 2019 – Present

### **LANGUAGES**

English – Fluent speaking, writing, and reading comprehension  
Bengali – Fluent speaking, writing, and reading comprehension  
French – Intermediate speaking, writing and reading comprehension

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request