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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Berea College

Assistant Professor of Economics (tenure-track)

2023–present

EDUCATION

2023 **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Houston

2015 **M.S.S. in Economics**, University of Dhaka

2014 **B.S.S. in Economics**, University of Dhaka

FIELDS

Macroeconomics; household finance and consumption; banking and financial institutions; applied econometrics.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Launch of the B.S. in Quantitative Economics, Berea College [\[Degree requirements\]](#)

- One of three faculty members who developed and launched Berea's new **STEM-designated Quantitative Economics program**, completing the curricular proposal and institutional administrative approval process together.
- The new degree offers General, Mathematics, Finance, and Data Analysis concentrations. Developed the program's advanced econometrics sequence: taught the inaugural **Time Series Econometrics** offering in Spring 2026; preparing the inaugural **Panel Data Methods** offering for Spring 2027.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Berea College — Instructor of Record

Undergraduate economics and interdisciplinary general education

2023–present

ECO 301 [Intermediate Macroeconomics](#)

ECO 332 [Money and Banking](#)

ECO 402 [Time Series Econometrics](#) — inaugural offering, Spring 2026

ECO 341 [Development Economics / Economic Growth and Development](#)

ECO 101 [Principles of Macroeconomics](#)

ECO 102 [Principles of Microeconomics](#)

[GSTR 410](#) Senior Seminar in Contemporary Global Issues: *What Is Money?*

[GSTR 410](#) Senior Seminar in Contemporary Global Issues: *Human Migration*

Scheduled, Spring 2027: [ECO 401](#), [Panel Data Methods](#) (panel data econometrics); inaugural offering.

Selected applied course design

- *Time Series*: R-based forecasting and data exploration; independent empirical projects requiring model selection, reproducible analysis, interpretation, and oral defense.
- *Macro and Money and Banking*: model-based problem solving, balance-sheet analysis, and staged policy research connecting economic mechanisms to evidence.
- *Development and GSTR 410*: critical evaluation of empirical studies, student-developed research questions, discussion, presentations, and evidence-based argument.

University of Houston — Course Instructor

Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of Microeconomics. In-person and online instruction, including asynchronous delivery.

2019–2023

Teaching recognition: Best Graduate Instructor, Department of Economics, 2022. [\[Teaching record\]](#)

STUDENT ADVISING, MENTORING, AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

EconGames — Faculty Co-Advisor, Berea College

2024–2026

Co-advisor with Volker Grzimek across three competition years.

- Co-mentored the **2026 championship team: first among 30 teams from 29 universities**, Berea's first championship. [\[EconGames feature\]](#)
- Helped establish [EconGames](#) as a **0.25-credit course**; co-taught weekly preparation, accompanied students to the competition, and coordinated administration and travel.

Academic Advising and Labor Supervision, Berea College

2023–present

Three years of academic advising and labor supervision within Berea's work-college model.

Undergraduate Research Mentorship, Berea College

2026–present

Mentor **six economics majors** in research development, literature review, data work, scholarly writing, and presentation, including projects emerging from the 2026 URCPP study.

- Helped a student refine her paper and prepare her presentation for the October 2026 [Kentucky Economic Association conference](#), where she received the student best-paper award. The research originated in her Virginia Tech internship.
- Accompany students to the KEA conference with Volker Grzimek, supporting participation in professional economics research settings.

Germany Study-Abroad Course — Faculty Co-Leader

Summer 2027 (planned)

Berea International Summer Term (BIST); co-instructor with Volker Grzimek.

Preparing to co-teach and lead Berea students in Germany; responsibilities include academic planning, pre-departure student preparation, and travel coordination. [\[BIST program overview\]](#)

RESEARCH SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects Program (URCPP)

2026

Berea College — grant recipient and faculty project lead. [\[Program\]](#)

- Developed *Physical Functionality and Academic Success: Evidence from Berea College*; collected original data from **105 Berea students** and supervised **two undergraduate research scholars**.
- Coordinated an interdisciplinary study of physical function, well-being, and academic progress; ongoing work includes data preparation, institutional-record linkage, and manuscript development.

Cloud-Computing Faculty Fellowship

2026

Berea College / [Entrepreneurship for the Public Good](#) initiative involving NOAA collaboration.

Selected for the faculty fellowship and participated in R training; planned work integrates cloud-computing applications into the Spring 2027 panel-data course.

2017–2023 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston.

PROFESSIONAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

2023–2026 **Board Member**, [Kentucky Economic Association](#).

October 2026 **Session Chair**, [Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference](#).

2026–present **Member**, [Academic Program Council \(APC\)](#), Berea College; Division II representative.

Current **Member**, [Campus Hearing Committee \(Campus Conduct Hearing Board\)](#), Berea College.

Current **Member**, [Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects Program \(URCPP\) Committee](#), Berea College.

Current **Faculty Co-Advisor**, Muslim Student Association, Berea College. [\[Faculty profile\]](#)

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publication

Rabbani, Atonu, [Nabila Rahman Biju](#), Ashfique Rizwan, and Malabika Sarker. 2018. “Social network analysis of psychological morbidity in an urban slum of Bangladesh: A cross-sectional study based on a community census.” *BMJ Open* 8(7): e020180.

[\[Open-access article\]](#) [\[Data and replication code\]](#)

Working Paper

“[Non-durable Consumption in Recourse and Non-recourse States.](#)” [\[Public draft, 2023\]](#)

Mortgage-recourse institutions and household consumption smoothing; NielsenIQ household-panel data linked to county-level housing, labor-market, and macroeconomic data. Manuscript under revision; accepted for SEA, November 2026.

Research in Progress [\[Research overview\]](#)

- “[Impact of Financial Inclusion Regulation on Commercial Banks’ Branch Location Choice in Bangladesh.](#)” Collaborative research on banking regulation and the geography of financial services.
- “[Habit Persistence in Non-durable Consumption.](#)” Consumption dynamics and household responses to income shocks.
- “[Physical Functionality and Academic Success: Evidence from Berea College.](#)” URCPP-supported interdisciplinary project; analyses and manuscripts in development.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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| Forthcoming | Western Kentucky University, Department of Economics . Invited research seminar; date to be confirmed. |
| November 2026 | Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting . Recourse and consumption paper; accepted, forthcoming. |
| 2024 | Berea College Colloquium . Bangladesh banking research project. |
| October 2023 | Kentucky Economic Association, 46th Annual Conference . Research presentation. |

EARLIER TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston — Teaching Assistant	2017–2023
Economic Forecasting (graduate); Advanced Microeconomics (graduate); Panel Data and IV Regression; International Monetary Economics; Urban Economics; Economics of Healthcare; History of Economic Thought; Principles of Microeconomics. [Teaching record]	

University of Houston — Research Assistant	2021; 2022
Research assistance for Bent Sorensen (Summer 2021) and Steve Craig (Fall 2022).	

James P. Grant School of Public Health — Senior Research Assistant	2016–2017
PEDL and WOTRO projects: designed baseline and follow-up questionnaires, trained data collectors, and monitored fieldwork. Managed survey data using SurveyCTO and ODK; contributed to econometric and social-network analyses, reports, and manuscripts.	

James P. Grant School of Public Health — Teaching Fellow	2016
Quantitative Research Methodology. [Teaching record]	

Copenhagen Consensus Center — Research Assistant	2016
Bangladesh Priorities Conference: assisted expert panelists in evaluating submitted policy proposals.	

RESEARCH TOOLS AND LANGUAGES

Research tools: Stata; MATLAB; SurveyCTO; ODK; $\text{\LaTeX}$.

Continuing development: R (training and instructional applications); SQL (large-dataset workflows).

Languages: Bangla (native); English and Hindi (professional proficiency).

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