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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication Expected 2029
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Hintz

M.A., Communication 2025
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
Thesis: *Navigating Stigma and Privacy: Health-Related Taboo Issues Among Bangladeshi Women*
Advisor: Dr. Amnee Elkhalid
Top Master's Thesis Award, NCA Master's Education Section

B.S.S., Mass Communication and Journalism 2019
Comilla University, Bangladesh
Thesis: *Analyzing Hateful Comments Targeting Viral Women on Facebook: A Bangladeshi Perspective*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stigma management in healthcare; privacy management in health contexts; interpersonal and family health communication; women's health and taboos; digital health literacy; social media and AI in communication

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Gillespie, B., Jennings, F., & **Shajib, N. H.** (2026). Vance's consequential debate: Vice presidential debate effects in the 2024 election. In D. Bystrom, B. R. Warner, M. S. McKinney, & M. C. Banwart (Eds.), *Democracy on the line: The turbulent 2024 presidential election*. Bloomsbury Academic.

Hintz, E. A., Laurent, B. J., & **Shajib, N. H.** (forthcoming). Ideological constructions in contested illness. In V. Agarwal (Ed.), *The Routledge handbook of health communication and social justice*. Routledge.

Journal Articles

Islam, K. M. A., Ali, M. S., Islam, A., Nobel, S. K., **Shajib, N. H.**, Mamun Chowdhury, M. A. A., & Islam, R. (2020). Safety measures of journalists during the corona pandemic in Bangladesh. *Global Journal of Human-Social Science, 20*(11), 29–45. https://doi.org/10.34257/gjhssavol20is11pg29

Manuscripts Under Review

Shajib, N. H., Hintz, E., Contreras, A. K., Cunningham, S. D., Buck, S., DiPiazza, M., & Qasba, N. (submitted). A qualitative mystery caller study of contraceptive information quality and structural barriers.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

PPD Stigma and Supportive Communication Among Bangladeshi Mothers 2026–present

Student investigator. Qualitative interview study of postpartum depression stigma and supportive communication across offline and online contexts. Funded by the OFRGC Research Development Grant.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Agarwal, V., Beck, C. S., Yang, G., Buzzanell, P. M., Mishra, R., Goldsmith, J., Terui, S., Laurent, B. J., **Shajib, N. H.**, Wright, K. O., Lattimer, T., Orrego Dunleavy, V., Carter, A., Ivancic, S., Basu, A., Zoller, H. M., Sastry, S., & Stahrfisher, I. (2026, November). *An argument for health communication as social justice* [Panel discussion]. National Communication Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, United States.

Shajib, N., Jennings, F., Purintun, N., & Schol, G. (2025, November). *The effect of gender-congruence on candidate evaluation on political websites* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

Gillespie, B., Jennings, F., & **Shajib, N.** (2025, November). *The 2024 vice-presidential debate: Implications on evaluations and vote choice* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

Shajib, N. (2025, March). *Analysis of hateful comments on Facebook against viral women: Bangladesh perspective* [Poster presentation]. 116th Annual Eastern Communication Association Convention, Buffalo, NY, United States.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Research Grants

OFRGC Research Development Grant, Organization for Feminist Research on Gender and Communication ($2,500) 2026

Project: Postpartum Depression Stigma and Supportive Communication among Bangladeshi Mothers

High Impact Practice Opportunity (HIPO) Fund, Department of Communication, University of Arkansas ($500) 2025

Inaugural recipient; awarded to recruit participants for M.A. thesis research

Research Grant, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh ($1,250) 2019

Project: The Role of Social Media in Establishing Human Rights

Travel Grants

NCA Student Caucus Travel Grant, National Communication Association ($200) 2025

To present research at the National Communication Association Annual Convention

GSIE Travel Grant, Graduate School and International Education, University of Arkansas ($700) 2025

To present research at the 116th Annual Eastern Communication Association Convention, Buffalo, NY

Department of Communication Travel Grant, University of Arkansas ($1,250) 2025
To present research at the 116th Annual Eastern Communication Association Convention, Buffalo, NY

HONORS AND AWARDS

Top Master's Thesis Award, Master's Education Section, National Communication Association 2026
Navigating Stigma and Privacy: Health-Related Taboo Issues Among Bangladeshi Women

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research Assistant Summer 2026
UConn Health, Farmington, CT (remote) | PI: Dr. Shayna Cunningham
Qualitative analysis and manuscript development for two maternal and reproductive health policy projects: focus groups on barriers and facilitators to implementing Obstetric Life Support (OBLS) training in rural and low-resource settings, and a landscape analysis of pharmacist-prescribed contraception policies across U.S. states.

- Developed and refined coding frameworks, coded focus group and policy data, and wrote thematic memos and analytic summaries
- Drafted methods, results, and discussion sections and prepared tables, figures, and qualitative data displays for two manuscripts
- Maintained coding memos and analytic decision logs to support transparent, reproducible qualitative analysis

Research Assistant 2019–2020
Comilla University, Bangladesh | Research project led by Prof. Bhuiyan

- Designed interview protocols and conducted and transcribed qualitative interviews
- Collected and analyzed social media content to identify patterns in online communication
- Reviewed and refined preliminary research drafts for methodological alignment

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Department of Communication

Graduate Teaching Assistant, COMM 1100: Principles of Public Speaking Fall 2025–present
Four sections, 100+ students. Designed and delivered the curriculum, assessed speeches and written assignments, and held weekly office hours.

University of Arkansas, Department of Communication

Graduate Teaching Assistant, SPCH 10003: Public Speaking 2024–2025
Two sections, 44 students. Full instructional responsibility for all lectures, discussions, and assessments.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, COMM 1233: Media, Community & Citizenship 2023–2024
Four sections, approximately 400 students. Graded and gave feedback on assignments and developed supplementary materials on media literacy, civic communication, and digital citizenship.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Peer Reviewer, National Communication Association Annual Convention 2026
Feminist and Gender Studies Division; Health Communication Division (18 submissions reviewed)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Communication Association (NCA)
Eastern Communication Association (ECA)
Organization for Feminist Research on Gender and Communication (OFRGC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IELTS Instructor, IELTS Coach, Cumilla, Bangladesh 2022
Taught reading and speaking; developed practice materials, proctored examinations, and gave individualized feedback.

Newsroom Editor, Jamuna Television, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2021–2022
Led editorial gatekeeping and quality control for a national broadcaster; coordinated coverage for approximately 100 reporters and 50 stringers across platforms with 10+ million social media followers.

Shift In-Charge, MCJ News, Cumilla, Bangladesh 2019–2020
Supervised 20 reporters across news beats and provided editorial guidance on interpretive reporting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Content Designer, Media Awareness Campaign, Bangladesh 2021
Organized and led a COVID-19 media literacy campaign that taught rural communities to identify health misinformation and hoaxes on social media.

SKILLS

Research methods	Qualitative interviewing; focus group analysis; qualitative coding and thematic analysis; content analysis; survey development
Digital and media	Video editing; page makeup and design; web design; social media management; search engine optimization
Software	SPSS; MAXQDA; Microsoft Office Suite
Languages	Bengali; English; Hindi

REFERENCES

Dr. Elizabeth Hintz, Department of Communication, University of Connecticut (Ph.D. Advisor)
Dr. Amnee Elkhalid, Department of Communication, University of Arkansas (M.A. Thesis Advisor)
Dr. Shayna Cunningham, UConn Health (Research Supervisor)