

Raisa Afsana

EDUCATION:

- Tufts University – Master of Science in Economics (2009 – 2010), Graduating CGPA 3.71/4
- BRAC University – Bachelor of Social Science in Economics, Graduating CGPA 3.97/4 (Valedictorian – 2006)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **North South University:** (September 2010 – Present): **Senior Lecturer.** During my tenure, I have been teaching the following courses: Eco101 (Introduction to Microeconomics), Eco104 (Introduction to Macroeconomics), Eco134 (Applied Mathematics for Business and Economics I), Eco244 (Applied Mathematics for Business and Economics II), Eco172 (Introduction to Statistics).
- **The Asia Foundation** (International Donor Organization): **Program Officer** (July 2008 – August 2009):
 - Coordinating and Networking: Coordinated program activities with satellite offices, supervised program assistants, liaised with business community and local governments and facilitated public-private dialogues
 - Data Analysis and Report Writing: Developed questionnaires and did preliminary data analysis for survey research, contributed to program design, wrote project proposals, developed case studies of successes, prepared progress reports, interim and final reports
 - Trainings: Designed and conducted advocacy trainings for trainers and SME
- **Economic Research Group** (Research/Consultancy Firm): **Research Assistant** (April – July 2007)
 - Reviewed literature on various topics, formulated hypotheses, worked with secondary data (identifying relevant proxies, data hatching, data cleaning and data analysis), compiled reports
- **South Asian Network for Development and Environment Economics** (Concern of World Bank): **Research Assistant** (February – July 2006)
 - Drafted and coded questionnaires, trained enumerators on data collection and data entry, contributed to data analysis and writing progress report

ACADEMIC WORK:

- Undergraduate thesis titled "Happiness and Quality of Life: A Perception Based Approach to Evaluating Women's Health in Urban Slums" (July – December 2006)

PUBLICATION:

- "Exclusion and Poverty: An Analytical Approach for Understanding Exclusion and Assessing Programs Targeting the Very Poor in Bangladesh". Jointly published by BRAC Research and Evaluation Division and Economic Research Group (April 2008)
- "Can Research and Development Grants Create High-Skilled Employment? An Empirical Analysis of Skilled Immigration" Journal of Administrative Studies, Jahangirnagar University, Volume 4, June 2011.

AWARDS RECEIVED:

- Chancellor's Gold Medal (Valedictorian, 2006), Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal (Convocation held in February 2007)
- "Nation Builders of Tomorrow" award from The Daily Star for Ordinary Level results (August 2001)

COMPUTER SKILLS:

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), SPSS, STATA

EXTRACURRICULAR/ VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Founding member and Vice President of BRAC University Economics Club (2004 - 2006)
- Active member of Global Affairs Forum, BRAC University (GAFBU) (2005 - 2006)
- Founding member of Oikos International, Dhaka Chapter (2005)
- Organized relief program at BRAC University for famine victims in northern Bangladesh