

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Education:**

- Ph.D.** in Economics: State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY Binghamton), Aug 2007
- M.A.** in Applied Economics: SUNY Binghamton, May 2004
- M.B.A.** in Finance: University of Technology-Sydney, Australia, Sep 1999
- M.S.S.** in Economics: University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Feb 1989
- B.S.S.** in Economics (Honors): University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Jul 1986

**Fields of Concentration:**

Primary: Macroeconomics – Business Cycles. Secondary: Monetary Economics and Finance

**Job Description:**

Assistant Professor of economics and finance since Sep 1, 2007: teaching three courses for more than one hundred students per semester in microeconomics and macroeconomics/finance, advising approximately 40 students of business economics, working on the departmental curriculum committee and the college professional science master's (PSM) committee, undertaking research projects in macroeconomics, attending conferences, and publishing papers.

**Teaching:**

1. Currently teaching: Principles of Microeconomics and Macroeconomic Theory, Spring – Fall 2009, Taught Microeconomics and Finance: Fall 2007 – Fall 2008. Taught Online: Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2009.
2. **Course Instructor:** I developed and instructed a new course, Econ385A: Economics of Business Cycles, which includes trainings on EViews as well as theories. Students prepared country projects. Fall 2005, Spring 2006 and 2007. Also Course Instructor for Econ162A: Principles of Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton, Summer 2006.
3. **Teaching Assistant** for Econ162: Principles of Macroeconomics, under Professor Christianson, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, and Spring 2005. Econ360: Intermediate Microeconomics, under Professor Henderson, Spring 2004. Econ360: Intermediate Microeconomics, under Professor Greene,

Spring 2003. Econ436: International Trade, under Professor Walton, Spring 2003, Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton,

4. **Economics Teacher** at 'Loreto,' Dhaka, Jan 1993 to Sep 1996.

**Research:**

1. "In Search of the Phillips Curve for India," accepted – *Journal of Asian Economics*, Apr 2009.
2. "Does Corruption Foster Growth in Bangladesh?" SUNY Cortland Faculty Research Program – Summer 2008, submitted – *Journal of South Asian Development*, Jun 2009.
3. "Did Liberalization Cause Structural Break in Indian Industrial Growth?" accepted – *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Sep 2009.
4. "What Caused the US Recession of the Late 2000s? Understanding the Duration and Depth of the Downturn, and Finding Policy Responses." Estimated completion of the first draft: Apr 2010.
5. "The Challenges of the New Decade and Reforms of Growth in Bangladesh." In progress.
6. "Liberalization and India's Business Cycle Synchronization with the US." submitted – *Indian Economic Review*, Jun 2009.
7. "Did Liberalization Change the Indian Business Cycle?" re-submitted – *Indian Economic Journal*, May 2009.
8. "Globalization and Monetary-Policy Independence in India," submitted – *Journal of Developing Areas*, Apr 2009.

**Consultancy:**

1. "Good Practices of Employment Creation in Developing Countries: Case studies with Argentina, Bangladesh, India, and South Africa," Research for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Report 2009: UNDP's Support for the Millennium Development Goals, Jun 2009
2. "Women in the Informal Sector: With Reference to African Countries," Poverty Reduction Group Working Paper 1, Project # 32730, UNDP, New York, Jun 2005.
3. "Female Garments Workers in the Aftermath of the Multi-Fiber Agreement: Focus on Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka," Working Paper 2, Project # 32730, UNDP, Oct 2005.

**Publications:**

1. "Essays on Indian Business Cycles and Inflation," VDM Publishing House, Germany, Nov 2008.
2. "Free Market Economy and Bangladesh," Second Ed., Rayman Publishers, Dhaka, Nov 1997.
3. "Banking, Economic, and Administrative Issues in Bangladesh," Nawrose, Dhaka, Sep 1996.
4. "Bangladesh's Budget and Economic Trends," Rayman Publishers. Dhaka, Jan 1996.
5. "Debates in Development Issues of Bangladesh," Rayman Publishers. Dhaka, Feb 1995.
6. "The World Bank and the Bangladesh Economy," Smart Publishers, Dhaka, Feb 1993.

**Book/Chapter Review:**

1. Reviewed Chapter 12: *The Real Business Cycle Model* in the book, 'The New Principles of Macroeconomics' by Cowen and Tarabrok (forthcoming 2009), Worth Publishers, New York.

**Newspaper Articles:**

1. "Easy Come, Easy Go," The US Financial Crisis of 2008, The Daily Star (the leading English daily in Bangladesh), Nov 9, 2008, [thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=62448](http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=62448)
2. "Nobel Economics Prize and Globalization," Dhaka Courier (the leading English newsweekly in Bangladesh), Oct 24, 2008, [dhakacourier.net/issue14/other/doc2.htm](http://dhakacourier.net/issue14/other/doc2.htm)
3. "Bangladesh and Food Security," Dhaka Courier: Cover Story, Oct 2008: <http://www.dhakacourier.net/issue13/cover/doc3.html>
4. "Measuring Corruption," The Daily Star, Jul 9, 2008, [thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=44827](http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=44827)
5. "Inflation and Democracy: Connection or Confusion," The Daily Star, : Apr 21, 2008, [thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=32986](http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=32986)
6. "Can an Elected Government Better Handle the Economy?" Dhaka Courier: Cover Story: Feb 1, 2008, [dhakacourier.net/issue28/](http://dhakacourier.net/issue28/)
7. "Tackling the Most Critical Phase of the Economy," The Daily Star, Dec 2, 2007, [thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=13828](http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=13828)
8. "The Role of Reform for Growth," Dhaka Courier: Cover Story, Oct 12, 2007. [dhakacourier.net/issue12/](http://dhakacourier.net/issue12/)
9. "Integrated Strategy for Curbing Inflation in Bangladesh," Dhaka Courier, Sep 29, 2007, [accessmylibrary.com/coms2/summary\\_0286-33016509\\_ITM](http://accessmylibrary.com/coms2/summary_0286-33016509_ITM)
10. "We Need to Curb Inflation," The Daily Star, Sep 22, 2007. [thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=4920](http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=4920)

**Service:**

1. Member, Economics Department Curriculum Committee, SUNY Cortland, since Fall 2007.
2. Member, Quality Circle Review Committee, SUNY Cortland, since Summer 2008.
3. Academic Adviser, Economics Department, SUNY Cortland, Since Fall 2007.
4. Co-investigator, Professional Science Master's (PSM) Committee, SUNY Cortland, 2008-2009.
5. Supervisor of Teng Zhang of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China, 2009.
6. Participant, The Economics Club Tour to the NY Stock Exchange, Oct 17, 2008.
7. Participant, The Economics Club Tour to the Fed Reserve Bank of NY, Oct 23, 2009.
8. Panelist, College-wide Discussion on the US Financial Crisis, SUNY Cortland, Oct 30, 2008.
9. Member, SUNY Cortland Faculty Writers' Group, Spring 2009 – present.
10. Curriculum Instructor, SUNY Globalization Curriculum Project, Oct 2008 – present.

11. Member, SUNY Business & Education Cooperative, Binghamton University, since Jul 2009.
12. Panelist (Proposed): Community Roundtable on the US Recession, Cortland, Apr 1, 2010.

### **Other Professional Experiences:**

#### Consultancy:

1. **Research Consultant** for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Poverty Reduction Group, Bureau for Development Policy, New York, Summer 2005 and 2009.

#### Banking:

2. **Paraplanning Associate** in the Financial Planning Division of Wealth Management, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd (ANZ Bank), Sydney, Aug 2001 to Aug 2002.
3. **Advisory Services Officer** in Advisory Services Department of Financial Paraplanning, ANZ Bank, Sydney, Jun 2000 to Aug 2001.
4. **Accounts Maintenance Officer** in the Maintenance Section of Transaction Processing Centre, ANZ Bank, North Sydney, Aug 1999 to May 2000.
5. **Officer** in Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd, Dhaka, Main Areas: Credit Administration, Foreign Exchange, Export and Import business, Feb 1991 to May 1993.
6. **Probationary Officer** in Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd, Dhaka, Main Areas: Cash, Credit, Bank Guarantee and General Accounts, Feb 1989 to Jan 1991.

#### Journalism:

7. **Economic Commentator** in The Daily ‘Janakantha’ (The leading daily newspaper in Bangladesh), Sep 1993 to Sep 1996.

#### Office Administration:

8. **Administrative Services Officer** in the Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, The Government of Australia, Sydney, Jan 1998 to Dec 1998.

### **Presentations:**

1. “*Reforms for Economic Growth in Bangladesh,*” The Bangladesh Conference on Ideas and Innovations for Development, Oct 9-10, 2009, Harvard University, Boston, MA.
2. “*Did Liberalization Cause Structural Break in Indian Industrial Growth?*” presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Eastern Economic Association, Mar 1, 2009, NY
3. “*Does Corruption Foster Growth in Bangladesh,*” the International Conference on Trends in Global Business, Oct 9-11, 2008, Quinnipiac University, CT.
4. “*Did Liberalization Change the Indian Business Cycle?*” the 83rd Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International, Jun 29-Jul 2, 2008, Hawaii.

5. *“The Role of Monetary Policy in Business Cycle Transmission from the U.S. to India,”* the 34th Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association (EEA), Mar 7-9, 2008, Boston.
6. *“Does Globalization Cause the Loss of Monetary-Policy Independence for Developing Economies? A Case Study with India,”* International Conference on “Globalization and Its Discontents,” Organized by Izmir University of Economics and SUNY Cortland, Jun 8-9, 2007.
7. *“Employment Rigidity in the Indian Formal Sector,”* Presented a Labor Economics Seminar, Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton, Apr 2005.
8. *“The Application of Macros and Productivity Enhancement,”* Conducted a Workshop for the Peer Employees in the Financial Planning Department, ANZ Bank, Sydney, Jun 2002.
9. *“Twenty-Five Years of Bangladesh: Why Business Didn’t Grow,”* Keynote Speaker in the Annual General of Meeting of ‘Bangladesh Association of Australia’, Sydney, Apr 1997.
10. *“Consumers’ Interest and the Government Budget 1995,”* Keynote Speaker in the Annual Conference of Consumers’ Association of Bangladesh, The Press Club, Dhaka, Jun 1995.

**Discussion:**

1. Discussant and Chair: the special session on the Financial Crisis, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Eastern Economic Association, New York, Feb 28, 2009.

**Fellowship, Awards & Grants:**

1. Professional Travel Grant 2009, Dean’s Office, School of Arts & Sciences, SUNY Cortland.
2. Award on the Professional Science Master’s Planning Grant, SUNY Cortland, May 2009
3. Stipend, Institute for Teaching Strategies, 2008, Faculty Development Center, SUNY Cortland
4. Research Travel Grant 2008, Faculty Development Center, SUNY Cortland
5. Research Travel Grant 2008, Research and Sponsored Program Office, SUNY Cortland
6. Research Travel Grant 2008, The Cortland College Foundation, SUNY Cortland.
7. Faculty Research Fellowship 2008-2009, SUNY Cortland.
8. Professional Travel Grant 2008, Dean’s Office, School of Arts & Sciences, SUNY Cortland.
9. University Award for Excellence in Teaching 2006, SUNY Binghamton
10. Department Fellowship Spring 2006: Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton.
11. Graduate Scholars Enhancement Spring 2006: Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton.
12. University Award 1986: Award for debating and extra-curricular activities, University of Dhaka.

**Computer Skills:**

EViews, SAS, RATS, STATA, Financial Planning Software FPI and Boss.

**Membership/Leadership:**

Member, Eastern Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association International, 2008-2009

Life Member since 1991, Bangladesh Economic Association, Executive Member (elected), Bangladesh Economic Association, 1994

**References:**

1) Christopher Hanes, Department of Economics, SUNY Binghamton, 607 777-5487, chanes@binghamton.edu 2) Timothy Phillips, Chair, Department of Economics, SUNY Cortland, 607 753-2437, tphillips@cortland.edu 3) Mark Prus, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, SUNY Cortland, 607 753-2207, prus@cortland.edu