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Research Interest

Sociolinguistics, Identity Construction, Language Variation and Change, Language Death, Construction Grammar, Language Maintenance and Shift, Semantics.

Education

PhD In Anthropology; Concentration: Linguistic Anthropology

Fall 2024-Present

Tulane University (TU), United States

Proposed Dissertation Topic: Identity Construction and Negotiation in CHT Division, Bangladesh

M.A. In English; Concentration: TESOL; GPA: 3.90/4

Fall 2022–Spring 2024

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), United States

Thesis: Natural Semantic Metalanguage in cross-cultural meaning analysis: comparison of Bengali happy greeting *Shuvokamona* with American *Best Wishes* and *Good Luck*.

M.A. In Language and Linguistics; GPA: 3.80/4

2020-2021

Institute of Modern Languages (IML), University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Thesis: Identity construction in language maintenance among Chakma Community in Bangladesh.

B.A. In Language and Linguistics; GPA: 3.53/4

2015-2018

IML, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Thesis (Undergraduate): Color Terminologies of Kokborok Language.

Conference Presentations

Das, A., 2025. Natural Semantic Metalanguage: A comparative Study Between Bangla and American English. 2025 *American Association for Applied Linguistics*. Denver, Colorado.

Das, A., 2025. Optional Practical Training: A Fear of Non-Stem International Student. 2024 *Modern Language Association Convention*. New Orleans, LA.

Das, A., 2024. Natural Semantic Metalanguage in cross-cultural meaning analysis: comparison of Bengali happy greeting *Shuvokamona* with American *Best Wishes* and *Good Luck*. 2024 *South Central Modern Language Association Convention*. New Orleans, LA.

Das, A., 2024. Natural Semantic Metalanguage in cross-cultural meaning analysis: comparison of Bengali happy greeting *Shuvokamona* with American *Best Wishes* and *Good Luck*. *The Sustainable Development Research Summit*. University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA.

Das, A., 2024. Large Language Models in first-year writing: unleashing creativity ethically. *The Eighth Annual Global Souths Conference*, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA.

Das, A., 2023. Teaching English as an international language: The context of Bangladesh. *Louisiana TESOL 2023 Conference*, Lafayette, LA.

Das, A., 2023. Identity construction in language maintenance: a critical reflection on Chakma community in Bangladesh. *The Seventh Annual Global Souths Conference*, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA.

Das, A., Jahan, I., & Kajol, M.M.H., 2022. A scientific explanation on human language and animal language. *2nd Chittagong science carnival*, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

Publication

Das, A., Honegger M., 2024. Natural Semantic Metalanguage in cross-cultural meaning analysis: comparison of Bengali happy greeting *Shuvokamona* with American *Best Wishes* and *Good Luck*. (in progress)

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant*Fall 2025*

Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1020-03), TU.
Assisting theory classes, grading assignments.

Instructor*Spring 2024*

Writing & Research About Culture (ENGL 102), ULL.
Designing syllabus and course curriculum, conducting theory classes, and grading.

Instructor*Fall 2023*

Introduction to Academic Writing (ENGL 101), ULL
Designing syllabus and course curriculum, conducting theory classes, and grading

Teaching Assistant*Spring 2023*

Introduction to Linguistics (ENGL 351), ULL.
Assisting theory classes, conducting independent lectures, preparing lectures, and grading assignments.

Tutor*Fall 2022–Summer 2023*

ULL Writing Lab, ULL.
Brainstorming, outlining, and organizing academic writing for students.

Instructor (Recitation)*February 2021–July 2022*

Adolescent Development Program, Ministry of Woman and Children Development, Bangladesh.
Training and development of speaking and communication skills of high school students.

Instructor (Language)*July 2016–February 2020*

Pathshala (pre-school service), Gram-Vati (Center for indigenous language and culture), Bandarban, Bangladesh.
Enhancing English & Bangla language skills in indigenous children.

Research Experience**Research Assistant***Spring 2025*

Project: Katrina/ Water Narratives
PI: Dr. Nathalie Dajko (ndajko@tulane.edu)
Duties: Data Transcription & analysis

Research Assistant*July 2020–June 2022*

Project: Language maintenance and shift among ethnic communities in Bangladesh
PI: Dr. Farzana Yesmen Chowdhury (farzana.chowdhury@cu.ac.bd)
Duties: Field survey, data collection, analysis & scientific writing

Field Assistant*December 2019–June 2020*

Project: Color Terms of Kokborok Language (Tripuri Language), University of Chittagong.
PI: Jesi Daiji Marak (jesi.d.marak@gmail.com)
Duties: Data collection, Analysis & Report Writing.

Leadership Experience

- **Founder & Coordinator**, Monotonous Recitation Center, Chittagong, Bangladesh. (*February 2017–Present*)
- **Head of the Welcoming Committee**, 2025 Tulane Conference of Linguistics, Tulane University. (*March 2025*)
- **Communications Coordinator**, Bangladeshi Student Association (BSA), ULL. (*January–December 2023*)
- **Head of the Welcoming Committee**, Seventh (7th) Annual Global South Conference, ULL. (*March 2023*)
- **Coordinator**, Gram-Vati (Center for indigenous knowledge and practice), Chittagong. (*March 2017–July 2022*)
- **Campus Ambassador**, Teach for Bangladesh, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. (*January–December 2021*)
- **IML Representative**, French Week 2017. Alliance Française de Chittagong. (*March 2017*)

Academic Experience

- **Volunteer**, American Association for Applied Linguistics Conference (AAAL), (March 2025)
- **Volunteer**, Tulane Conference of Linguistics (TCOL), Tulane University. (*March 2025*)
- **Volunteer**, 2023 Women's Leadership Conference, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. (*March 2023*)
- **Volunteer**, 2023 International Mother Language Day, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. (*February 2023*)

Scholarships and Awards

- Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, TU (*Summer 2025*)
- GSSA Travel Grant, TU (*Spring 2025*)
- School of Liberal Arts PhD Fellowship, TU. (*Fall-2024-Spring 2029*)
- Sustainable Development Research Award, ULL. (*Spring 2024*)
- Bangladesh Sweden Travel Grant. (*2024*)
- Student Government Association (SGA) Scholarship, ULL. (*Fall 2023-Spring 2024*)
- Academic Excellence Awards, ULL. (*Spring 2023*)
- 1st Runner Up, Agent of change 1.0, Teach for Bangladesh and US Embassy, Dhaka. (*July 2022*)
- Excellent Merit Scholarship, University of Chittagong. (*2021*)
- Outstanding Student Award, Safia Ghazi Rahman Scholarship Round 1.0 - Women Empowerment. (*2020*)

Achievements

- 2nd Runner Up (Non-Greek Category), ULL Cajun's Got Talent. (*October 2023*)
- Participant, International Night, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. (*December 2022*)