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Driven by a strong academic and professional background in mass communication and journalism, I am pursuing my PhD in Journalism Studies to become a faculty member and contribute to the scholarly discourse in this field. My research interests center on understanding how journalism and the audience interact with the flow of mis/disinformation and fragile media trust, especially in the age of Artificial Intelligence and generative AI. I aim to investigate how these forces influence public opinion and interact within the political communication process. With hands-on experience as a reporter and newsroom editor, and leadership roles in university journalism initiatives in a censored and politicized media landscape in Bangladesh, I bring a unique blend of practical insight and academic commitment to this pursuit.

Research Interests

Journalism, Mis/disinformation, Media Trust, Mass Media Effects, Social Media, Artificial Intelligence and generative AI, Political Communication

Education

PhD Student	Journalism Studies Philip Merrill College of Journalism University of Maryland, College Park	Fall 2025 Cohort
M.S.	Mass Communications School of Media and Strategic Communications (SMSC) Oklahoma State University (OSU)	Spring 2025 CGPA: 4.00
M.S.S	Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ), Comilla University (CoU), Bangladesh	2020 CGPA: 3.76
B.S.S	Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ), Comilla University (CoU), Bangladesh	2019 CGPA: 3.55

Teaching and Research Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland, College Park)		
JOUR 289i Information 3.0: Exploring Technological Tools		Fall 2025
Graduate Teaching Assistant (School of Media and Strategic Communications, Oklahoma State University)		
Sports Broadcasting		Fall 2023
Non-Profit Communications	Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025	
Media and Market	Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025	

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Cooley, A., & **Nobel, S.** (2025). Ukrainian news media representations and framing of NGOs. *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*, 11(2). <https://doi.org/10.20899/jpna.k18pfh33>
- Shin, S., Hwang, J., Cooley, A., Cooley, S., **Nobel, S.**, Dinko, R., & Lee, J. (2025). Impact of virtual reality and video backgrounds on mental health in digital meditation. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 172, 108758. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2025.108758>
- Islam, K. M. A., Ali, M. S., Islam, A., **Nobel, S. K.**, Shajib, N. H., Chowdhury, M. a. a. M., & Islam, R. (2020). Safety Measures of Journalists during Corona Pandemic in Bangladesh. *Global Journal of Human-Social Science*, 29–45. <https://doi.org/10.34257/gjhssavol20is11pg29>

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- Nobel, S. K.**, Kim, S. (2024). *Audience Attitude Towards AI Involvement in Political Messaging: An Experiment on the Moderating Role of Psychological Reactance*. Under Review: *International Journal of Advertising* (Presentation in refereed research paper session at AEJMC 2025, San Francisco, CA)
- Nobel, S. K.** (2025). *Framing of the 2024 US Presidential Election Campaign by Political Influencers in Social Media: Polarization Before Election*. (Scholar-to-scholar poster presentation at AEJMC 2025, San Francisco, CA)
- Nobel, S. K.**, Rafi, I. S., Rahman, A., Chowdhury, M. a. a. M., & Biswas, A. (2025). *Assessing the Effect of Social Media Hate Speech on the Alienation of Ethnic Minority Students in Bangladesh* (Scholar-to-scholar poster presentation at AEJMC 2025, San Francisco, CA)
- Cooley, A., **Nobel, S. K.** (2025). *Beyond Aid: Media Representations of Philanthropy and NGOs in Wartime Ukraine*. (Paper Presentation in 12th International Conference of the European Research Network on Philanthropy, Heidelberg, Germany)
- Biswas, A., Ahemmad, K., & **Nobel, S. K.** (2025). Mobilizing Information in Cancer News: A Comparative Content Analysis on the Bengali and English Newspaper [Paper Presentation at AEJMC Midwinter Conference 2025, Oklahoma]
- Nobel, S. K.**, Sarinana-Rodriguez, G., Dinko, R., & Boyington, C. (2024). *Divergent realities in the framing of immigration narratives across social media platforms*. (Scholar-to-scholar poster presentation at AEJMC 2024, Philadelphia, PA) [3rd place in the open paper call and the Dr. Carolyn Stroman Award for outstanding new members in the MAC division]
- Nobel, S.K.** (2022). *Analysis of Road Safety Reporting of Bangladesh in Covid-19 in a Constructive Way*. (Paper Presentation, Ideathon, Constructive Journalism in Bangladesh, DW Akademie, Chittagong, Bangladesh)

Research Projects with Grant

Evaluation of Self-censorship Trends among Local Journalists in Bangladesh, University Grant Commission (UGC), Bangladesh Research Fund (2021-22)

Conceptualizing Physical and Financial Security of Local Journalists in Bangladesh, University Grant Commission (UGC), Bangladesh Research Fund (2021-22)

Thesis Projects

Framing of the 2024 US Presidential Election Campaign by Political Influencers in Social Media: Polarization Before Election. M.S. Thesis, School of Media and Strategic Communications, Oklahoma State University

Media and Information Literacy among Journalists in Bangladesh, M.S.S. Thesis, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Comilla University, Bangladesh

Presence of Mis/disinformation in Mainstream Media During the COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh, B.S.S. Thesis, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Comilla University, Bangladesh

Class Research Project

Media Ownership and Victim Blaming in News: Analyzing the Munia Death Case and Case Filing Against the Media Owner and Advertiser, Advanced Research Methodology (Graduate Level Class), Comilla University, Bangladesh

Professional Experience

Staff Reporter, October 2022 - June 2023, Dhaka, Bangladesh
bdnews24.com

Beat Covered: Public Policy, Governance, Education

Achievements: Best Reporter of the Month, 3 times.

Newsroom Editor, Jamuna Television June 2021- August 2021, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Copy Editing, Social Media Management

Research Methods and Soft Skills

- Content Analysis
- Experimental Method
- Survey Design
- In-depth Interviews
- Python
- R Studio
- SPSS
- Nvivo

Leadership

MCJ News (MCJ Discipline's News Portal), Comilla University 2019 – 2022
Founding News Team Lead

Led a newsroom of 20 people, generated original story ideas, assigned reporters, was responsible for news editing, and oversaw news and multimedia content.

Comilla University Press Club 2019 – 2021
General Secretary

Led a team of campus journalists in mainstream media, engaged students in campus journalism, generated news stories, and organized workshops and competitions.

Professional Conferences and Training

Journalism Education and Trauma Research Group (JETREG), Conference, Oklahoma June 13-14, 2024
Presented a developing research proposal on *Heart Rate Variability of Journalists while Combatting Misinformation* by the MESA group of SMSC, OSU.

Spotlighting Diversity and Inclusiveness, DW Akademie, Bangladesh January 25-27, 2023
Participated in a three-day training session on diversity and inclusion as a journalist, arranged by the DW Akademie, and wrote a news report, 'Housework is only for women? How much has the perspective changed?'

Third Networking Conference, DW Akademie, Bangladesh Feb 4-6, 2020
Invitation and Documentation In-Charge, 3rd International Networking Conference on Journalism Education Connecting to the Professionals, jointly organized by the Dept. of MCJ, CoU, and DW Akademie.

Professional Community

- Graduate Student Member: The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)
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