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EDUCATION

- University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI 2020-2024
Ph.D. in *Human Ecology* (Specialization: *Consumer Behavior and Family Economics*)
Doctoral Minor in *Public Affairs* (from La Follette School of Public Affairs)
Dissertation Title: *Safety Net Programs and Economic Hardship*
Dissertation Committee: J. Michael Collins (chair), Judith Bartfeld, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, Clifford Robb, and Jeffrey Smith
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)**, Rochester, NY 2018-2020
M.S. in *Sustainable Systems*
- Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET)**, Rajshahi, Bangladesh 2012-2016
B.Sc. in *Electrical & Electronic Engineering*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Financial health and economic hardship
- Safety net programs
- Mental health
- Policy evaluation methods
- Sustainable behavior

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (1) **Das, V.** (2024). Cash assistance through the tax system during the COVID-19 pandemic and financial hardship experienced by lower-income households: How long did the association last? *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* (Forthcoming)
- (2) **Das, V.** (2022). The effect of state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) eligibility on food insufficiency during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 1-34. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-022-09637-3>
- (3) **Das, V.** (2020). Does adoption of ridehailing result in more frequent sustainable mobility choices? An investigation based on the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) 2017 Data. *Smart Cities*, 3(2), 385-400. <https://doi.org/10.3390/smartcities3020020>
- (4) Williams, E., **Das, V.**, Fisher, A. (2020). Assessing the sustainability implications of autonomous vehicles: Recommendations for research community practice. *Sustainability*, 12(5), 1902. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12051902>

WORKING PAPER

- (1) Economic Security of People with Disabilities During the Pandemic (with J. Michael Collins and Carly Urban) [Link](#)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- (1) Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions and Financial Health Indicators Evaluated by the Eligible
- (2) Self-Reported Mental Health and the Dobbs Decision: Variation by State Abortion Laws (with J. Michael Collins)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES (AT UW-MADISON)

- (1) CNSR SCI 477: **Consumer and the Market**, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2022 (Dr. Marin Skidmore)
- (2) CNSR SCI 301: **Consumer Analytics**, *Teaching Assistant*, Fall 2021 (Dr. Yiwei Zhang) and Spring 2022 (Dr. Megan Doherty Bea)
- (3) CNSR SCI 579: **Consumer Policy Analysis**, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2021 (Dr. Melody Harvey)
- (4) CNSR SCI 675: **Family Financial Counseling**, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2021 (Dr. Clifford Robb)
- (5) CNSR SCI 627: **Advanced Consumer Finance**, *Teaching Assistant*, Fall 2020 (Dr. Clifford Robb)
- (6) HDFS 516: **Stress and Resilience in Families Across Lifespan**, *Guest Lecturer*, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024 (Dr. Alvin Thomas)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (ONLINE)

Survey Data Analysis in R: A Crash Course [Course Link](#)

This crash course discusses the 15 most widely used tasks for survey data analysis in R.

INVITED PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- (1) *Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions and Financial Health Indicators Evaluated by the Eligible* (2024). American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- (2) *Difficult Economic Times, Tax Credit Eligibility, and Financial Hardship* (2023). American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- (3) *Cash Assistance through the Tax System and Material Hardship: A Case Study of Early 2021* (2023). Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Fall Research Conference, Atlanta, GA.

AWARDS

- (1) Consumer Movement Archives Applied Consumer Economics Award, American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference 2024 (\$500)
- (2) CFP® Board's ACCI Financial Planning Paper Award, American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Conference 2023 (\$500)
- (3) Summer Time Academic Research (STAR) Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison, 2022 (\$2500)

SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUNDING

- (1) Conference Travel Scholarship, Department of Consumer Science, UW-Madison, 2023 (\$1200)
- (2) Graduate School Fellow (2 Academic Years), UW-Madison, 2022-2024
- (3) Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison, 2022-2023
- (4) Consumer Science Current Graduate Student Scholarship, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison, 2022 (\$200)
- (5) Zuill Trust Fund Scholarship, UW-Madison, 2022 (\$750)
- (6) American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Small Grants Program, 2021 (\$2500)
- (7) Steenbock Trust Fund Scholarship, UW-Madison, 2021-2023 (\$790)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Coding Languages/Software	R, Excel, and LaTeX (Proficient); Stata (Intermediate)
Languages	Bangla (Native Speaker) and English (Fluent)
Other Interests	Statistical Literacy and Science Communication (https://vivdas.medium.com/)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- (1) Reviewer for *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning (JFCP)*
- (2) Graduate Student Representative at *Center for Financial Security (CFS) Steering Committee*, 2023-24

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- (1) American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
- (2) American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)
- (3) Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)