

## SHAHRIN SHAHAB

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### Education

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#### **Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy, Oregon State University** 2022- Present

Policy Concentration: Environmental Policy, Social Policy

GPA 4.00 out of 4.00 in all coursework

Advisors: Lori Cramer (Chair), Brent Steel, Erika Wolters, Mindy Crandall

Dissertation Title: *Community Resilience to Wildfires: Insights from Oregon Communities*

#### **M.S.S (Thesis) in Public Administration, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology** 2020

Thesis advisor: Chowdhury Abdullah Al Hosseini

GPA: 3.91 out of 4.00 with Distinction

Rank: 1st position

Thesis title: *Can Community Policing Make a Difference in Reducing Crime?: Understanding Citizen's Perceptions*

#### **B.S.S in Public Administration, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology** 2018

GPA: 3.64 out of 4.00

Rank: 1st position

### Research Grants

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| Western Fire Chiefs Association Student Research Grant  | (\$20,000) | 2025-2026 |
| Western Rural Development Center Graduate Student Grant | (\$18,000) | 2025-2026 |

### Honors And Awards

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| Adapting Together: Shaping the Future of Fire in the Northwest Scholarship            | 2026      |
| Public Service Fellowship, Portland State University                                  | 2025      |
| Graduate Teaching Assistantship and Tuition Waivers, Oregon State University          | 2022-2026 |
| Outstanding Student Merit Scholarship, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology | 2014-2020 |

### Teaching Experience

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#### **Instructor of Record (IOR) at School of Public Policy- Oregon State University**

- SOC 280: Introduction to Environment and Society (Winter 2025, Spring 2025)
- PS 110: Governing After Zombie Apocalypse (Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)
- SOC 481: Society and Natural Resources (Summer 2024)
- PS 206: Introduction to Political Thought (Summer 2023)
- PS 331: State and Local Politics (Fall 2023, Fall 2025)

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant at School of Public Policy- Oregon State University**

- PS 204: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2022)
- ECON 330: Money and Banking (Winter 2023)
- PS 345: Politics of Developing Nations (Spring 2023)
- SOC 204: Introduction to Sociology (Winter 2026)
- SOC 340: Deviant Behavior and Social Control (Spring 2026)

## **Research Experience**

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### **Research Assistant- Oregon State University**

**2025-Present**

Research Project: Perceptions of Risk from Fire among Forest Neighbors. Supervisor(s): Dr. Hall Troy, Dr. Erika Wolters, Dr. Christopher Dunn

### **Research Assistant- Shahjalal University of Science and Technology**

**2018-2019**

Research Project: Procedural Justice, Police Legitimacy and Public Cooperation with the Police: Evaluating Citizen's Perception. Supervisor(s): Chowdhury Abdullah Al Hosseini

## **Relevant Work Experience**

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### **Toolkit Developer-League of Oregon Cities, Salem, Oregon**

**July 2025 – September 2025**

- Designed and produced a comprehensive toolkit to support 241 Oregon cities particularly smaller municipalities in advancing inclusive, fair, responsive, and accessible governance.
- Conducted a needs assessment combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews to identify municipal resource needs, expectations, and barriers.
- Developed guidelines for inclusive hiring, communication, and accessibility, complemented by practical checklists, self-assessment tools, sample planning sheets, model policies, and curated external resources to strengthen leadership, staff, and community engagement practices.

### **Program Advisor-Youth Foundation of Bangladesh (YFB)**

**2015-2017**

- Analyzed the current social factors (Based on SDG's) to identify Scope of Projects for Youth Foundation of Bangladesh.
- Provided guidelines to design workshop events and materials on Youth Voice for climate action.

### **Program Officer-Youth Foundation of Bangladesh (YFB)**

**2013-2015**

- Managed and monitored grants and prepared funding reports.
- Assisted in budget preparation and expense management activities for programs.

## **Organizational and Leadership Experience**

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### **Lead Teaching Assistant-School of Public Policy, Oregon State University**

**2025-2026**

- Coordinate proctoring schedules, teaching workshops, and peer observations to support instructional quality and professional development.
- Organize departmental events, including graduate student workshops and the school's graduation ceremony.
- Maintain and streamline a shared resource repository to enhance graduate student teaching and research support.

## Secretary-Women in Policy, Oregon State University

2024-2025

- Assist in planning and coordinating events, workshops, and speaker series.
- Maintain and organize official records, meeting minutes, and correspondence.

## Lead Officer-Women in Policy, Oregon State University

2023-2024

- Organized and facilitated meetings, panel discussions, and networking events.
- Led recruitment and engagement efforts to expand membership and strengthen the organization's presence.

## Research Field

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Community Resilience, Community Engagement, Climate Change, Wildfire Policy, Social Vulnerability and Justice.

## Publications

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- Shahab, S., Chowdhury, S., & Chawdhery, M. R. A. (2026). Community Health and Resilience Under Rising Wildfire Smoke Exposure: A Review of Social Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity. *Sustainability*, 18(11), 5380. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su18115380>

## Papers Under Review

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- Shahab, S. & Cramer, L. "Community resilience for whom? Examining perceptions of wildfire policy in Oregon." **(Revise and Submit)**

## Work in Progress

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- Shahab, S., Hall, T., Wolters, E., & Dunn, C. "Between Perception and Reality: Comparing Subjective Risk and Objective Exposure to Wildfire Among Forest Neighbors." **(Draft)**
  - Shahab, S., Cramer, L., Steel, B. & Wolters, E., "Household-level Social Vulnerabilities' Influence on Community Resilience to Wildfire." This work is supported by the Western Rural Development Center, project award no. 2023-51150-43839, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. **(Draft)**
  - Shahab, S. & Cramer, L. "Understanding Wildfire Evacuation Behavior and Emergency Communication Preferences to Strengthen Place-Based Fire Adaptation in Southern Oregon." Funding: Western Fire Chiefs Association. **(Draft)**

## Paper Presented

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- Presented a paper on "Household-level Social Vulnerabilities' Influence on Community Resilience to Wildfire" at the Rural Sociological Society, Raleigh, North Carolina, held in August 2026.
  - Presented a paper on "Household-level Social Vulnerabilities' Influence on Community Resilience to Wildfire at the International Association of Society and Natural Resources, Corvallis, Oregon, held in June 2026.
  - Presented a paper on "Between Perception and Reality: Comparing Subjective Risk and Objective Exposure to Wildfire Among Forest Neighbors" at the International Association of Society and Natural Resources, Corvallis, Oregon, held in June 2026.
  - Presented a poster on "Understanding Wildfire Evacuation Behavior and Emergency

Communication Preferences to Strengthen Place-Based Fire Adaptation in Southern Oregon.” at Adapting Together: Shaping the Future of Fire in the Northwest, Stevenson, WA, held in March 2026.

- Presented a paper on “Towards Equitable Wildfire Resilience: Examining the Role of Recent Policy Reforms in Oregon” at the 67th Annual Conference of World Social Science Association (Seattle, Washington), held in April 2025.
- Presented a paper on “People’s Perception towards Freedom of Speech & Expression in a Changing World in Bangladesh: A Study on Sylhet City”, in the annual seminar session arranged by Department of Public Administration, SUST, held in August 2017.
- Presented a paper on “Informal Accountability in Public Service Delivery: Challenging or Defending Democratic Governance”, organized by School of Social Science, SUST, held in July 2016.

### **Invited Talks and Guest Lecture**

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- “Qualitative Research Methods.” Guest lecture for Research Methods, Department of Agricultural Socio-Economics, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, November 2025.
- “Toolkit for Building Inclusive, Fair, Responsive, and Accessible Communities.” Invited talk at the League of Oregon Cities 100th Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 2025.
- “Community Policing in Bangladesh”. Guest lecture for Police Administration, Department of Public Administration, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh, March 2019.

### **Skills**

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SPSS, STATA, Atlas.ti, Qualtrics, Microsoft Access and Excel

### **Professional Membership**

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- World Social Science Association (WSSA), Member, 2024-Present
- International Association of Society and Natural Resources (IASNR), Member, 2025-Present
- Rural Sociological Society, Member, 2026

