

# Eva Jahan

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University** New York, NY  
MA, Sociology May 2019

- Fields: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity
- Thesis: *Spit Your Truth! How Slam Poetry Venues Combat Intergenerational Trauma*
- Recipient, Columbia University GSAS. Finalist in the 2019 Masters SynThesis Competition

**Cornell University** Ithaca, NY  
BA, Development Sociology May 2017

- Fields: Race, Gender, Ethnicity
- Recipient, OADI Scholarship Fund. \$500 research grant, travelled to Bangladesh to conduct field research

## RESEARCH

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**Kindness.org** New York, NY  
*Research Intern* September 2019 – Present

- Conducts quantitative and qualitative research to help construct a “kindness curriculum” especially for schools in vulnerable communities
- Conducts in person interviews and online surveys with teachers to understand the educational need for social and emotional learning (SEL) curricula in schools
- Conducts usability tests of Kindness.org webpages to launch the new initiative “Learn Kind”
- Conducts additional literature reviews and research to help develop kindness curriculum for schools nationwide

**Columbia University** New York, NY  
*Graduate Student Researcher* August 2018 – May 2019

- Designed and implemented a research design to understand how poets use slam poetry to combat personal traumas and mental health condition
- Developed mixed methods research designs based on in depth literature reviews
- Organized and conducted 16 one-on-one interviews with poets in the slam poetry community
- Analyzed research findings from ethnographic and survey studies in NVivo, STATA, and SPSS
- Utilized a phenomenological approach to identify the role of slam poetry in combating intergenerational trauma in historically marginalized communities

**Cornell University** Ithaca, NY  
*Undergraduate Researcher* September 2015 – May 2017

- Conducted research regarding food insecurity on campus by interviewing campus staff, food workers, chefs, and students on campus.

- Co-created research questions and mixed methods models to understand food sustainability problems at Cornell
- Conducted semi-structured interviews and observational studies of 6 field sites including wastewater treatment plants, compost facilities, and recycling centers
- Analyzed data in STATA to create modified Cornell Dining practices and other food sustainability initiatives on campus
- Helped establish a campus-wide food pantry directly aimed to help low-income students

**Turkish Hope School – Bangladesh Research Internship**

Mymensingh, Bangladesh

*Researcher*

December 2014 – January 2015

- Worked with students at Turkish Hope School in Uttara, Dhaka to research the effects of adverse winter seasons on the health of low-income families in rural region of Mymensingh
- Conducted semi-structured interviews and observational studies in rural Mymensingh
- Coded qualitative research to identify patterns of risk and amended winter protocols for rural populations in Mymensingh to combat health and other psychosocial issues stemming from adverse winter weather
- Helped to establish an annual village-wide blanket distribution to combat cold weather patterns in the winter seasons
- Helped train community leaders to educate village members on preparation techniques for cold weather patterns during the winter season

**Voices of African Mothers – Ghana Research Internship**

Kumasi, Ghana

*Researcher*

August 2014

- Worked with 5 other Cornell University students to research the effects of nutritional deficiencies and an incomplete-nutritional diet on the psychology of young mothers in the rural region of Kumasi
- Conducted semi-structured interviews with community members and school teachers and collected field data in Kumasi
- Collaborated with community members to implement a reformed system of food education and distribution amongst mothers in Kumasi
- Helped establish a sustainable curriculum to implement improved nutrition regiments to communities in rural region of Kumasi

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Bangladeshi Identity Project**

New York, NY

*Staff Writer*

June 2018 – Present

- Works with 9 members to publish articles and educate the public about the histories and current events of Bangladesh
- Wrote an article discussing the role of Bangladeshi independence on the lives of the Bangladeshi-American diaspora
- Facilitated the publication of two annual books of submissions from Bengali writers from around the world titled “ROBI”

**Cornell Women of Color Conference (WOCC)**

Ithaca, NY

*Speaker*

March 2017

- Lead a workshop for the greater Ithaca Community to share my journey as a woman of color in social science and research
- Worked with other women of color and Black women to discuss the prospect of a career in social science
- Gave a lecture and lead a follow-up discussion with an audience of 50 women

### **Swoopers & Bashers**

Ithaca, NY

*Founding Board Member*

December 2014 – May 2017

- Teamed up with 4 other Cornell students to establish a spoken word poetry club on Cornell's campus
- Helped provide the Cornell and Ithaca communities the space to safely discuss prevalent and personal topics through performative poetry through weekly workshops, discussions, and slam poetry events
- Organized and coordinated approximately 10 events with up to 200 attendants

### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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- **Computer Skills:** Proficient in NVivo, STATA, SPSS, Qualtrics, Usertesting.com, Google Analytics, Photoshop, iMovie, Microsoft Office, JSTOR, etc.
- **Language Skills:** Fluent in Bengali, Basic Spanish skills
- **Interests:** Public speaking, performative poetry (spoken word), and culture, politics, and creative writing