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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral Economics, Public Economics, and Experimental Economics

EMPLOYMENT

August 2019 - Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA
August 2013 - May 2019 Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M University, TX, USA
January 2013 – July 2013 Research Assistant, Ankara University, Turkey
September 2011- June 2012 Auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Turkey

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University
Advisors: Catherine Eckel and Silvana Krasteva
2011 M.S. in Economics, University of Southampton
2010 B.A. in Economics, Ankara University

PUBLICATIONS

Aksoy, Billur, Haley Harwell, Ada Kovaliukaite, and Catherine Eckel. **“Measuring Trust: A Reinvestigation”** *Southern Economic Journal*. 2018; 84(4): 992-1000.
Aksoy, Billur, Catherine Eckel and Rick Wilson. **“Can I Rely on You?”** *Games*. 2018; 9(4): 81.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effects of Scarcity on Cheating and In-Group Favoritism” with Marco Palma (Conditional Acceptance at the Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization)
“When Does Less Information Translate into More Giving to Public Goods?” with Silvana Krasteva (Revision Requested)
“Do Workers Exert More Effort for Mission-Oriented Jobs” with Catherine Eckel and Angela De Oliveira

EXTERNAL GRANTS

J-PAL North America Education Technology and Opportunity Full Research Project Award with Lester Lusher and Scott E. Carrell. 2019 - 2022. \$149,396.
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant in Economics (SES-1756994) with Silvana Krasteva. 2018 - 2020. \$20,055.

RESEARCH HONORS AND AWARDS

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship (excellence in both research and teaching), Texas A&M (2018)
Summer Time for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M (2017)
Best Fourth Year Paper Presentation Award, Department of Economics, Texas A&M (2017)
S. Charles Maurice Fellowship in Economics, Department of Economics, Texas A&M (2017)
Dr. John Van Huyck Fellowship, Department of Economics, Texas A&M (2016)
Private Enterprise Research Center Bradley Fellow, Texas A&M (2016-17)

TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Instructor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M (Fall 2015)
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Texas A&M (Spring 2015)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT	Professional Development Support Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M (2015) Graduate Assistantship, Texas A&M (2013-present) Jean Monnet Scholarship, European Union Pre-Accession Financial Assistance Program for Turkey (2010-2011) Erasmus Student Exchange Program Scholarship, European Union (2009) Outstanding Economics Student Fellowship, Turkish Economic Association (2007-2010)
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Instructor Experimental Economics, Texas A&M, Fall 2017 Class Size: 47, Mean Rating: 4.94/5, Department Average: 4.62 Principles of Microeconomics, Texas A&M, Fall 2015 Class Size: 198, Mean Rating: 4.84/5, Department Average: 4.08</p> <p>Undergraduate Research Mentor Directed Studies, Texas A&M, Spring 2018 with Catherine Eckel, Class Size: 4, Rating: N/A</p> <p>Teaching Assistant Introduction to Econometrics, Texas A&M, Spring 2016 (Steven Puller) Mean Rating: 4.82/5 Economic Data Analysis, Texas A&M, Spring 2015 (Craig Schulman) Mean Rating: 4.65/5 Econometrics-II, Ankara University, Spring 2013 (Irfan Civcir) Mean Rating: N/A Calculus-II, Ankara University, Spring 2013 (Esen Agli) Mean Rating: N/A</p>
CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTA- TIONS	<p>2019: Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Waco, TX; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; James Madison University</p> <p>2018: Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C.; North-American Economic Science Association, Guatemala; Decision Making for Others Meeting (<i>poster</i>), The Netherlands; Economic Science Association World Meeting, Germany; Texas Experimental Association Symposium, San Antonio, TX; NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (<i>poster</i>), NYC, NY</p> <p>2017: Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL; Texas Theory Camp, College Station, TX; University of Chicago Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, Chicago, IL; 68th North Conference on Behavioral Economics in Svolvær, Norway; Economic Science Association World Meeting, San Diego, CA; 7th Biennial Conference on Social Dilemmas, Amherst, MA; 5th Spring School in Behavioral Economics (<i>poster</i>), San Diego, CA</p> <p>2016: Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C.; North-American Economic Science Association, Tucson, AZ; Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Houston (<i>poster</i>), TX</p> <p>2015: North-American Economic Science Association, Dallas, TX</p>
WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION	<p>2018: Recent Advances in the Economics of Philanthropy, WZB, Germany</p> <p>2017: FAIR- The Choice Lab PhD Workshop, NHH Norwegian School of Economics; 5th Spring School in Behavioral Economics, UC San Diego</p> <p>2016: The International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics; (IFREE) 21st Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University</p> <p>2015: Interdisciplinary Workshop on Cooperation, Conflict and the Evolution of Sociality, Texas A&M; SED Doctoral School in Experimental Economics, Bilgi University</p>
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	<p>Refereeing: Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, American Political Science Review, Review of Economic Design.</p>

Service: Aggie Ally, Mentor for Undergraduate Students at Aggie Graduate and Professional Community Club, Mentor for Women in Economics Club.
Member of American Economic Association, CSWEP, Economic Science Association, Southern Economic Association.