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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, and Public Economics

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA

August 2019 -

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Turkey

September 2011- June 2012

Auditor

#### **EDUCATION**

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

## **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 (Accepted 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 Oliviera

### 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.

#### INTERNAL HONORS AND AWARDS - TEXAS A&M

2018: U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship. \$5,000.

2017: Summer Time for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award. \$10,265

- 2017: S. Charles Maurice Fellowship in Economics. \$4,000
- 2016: Dr. John Van Huvck Fellowship. \$5,000
- 2016: Private Enterprise Research Center Bradley Fellow. \$12,500
- 2015: Professional Development Support Award. \$2,324.
- 2015: Outstanding Graduate Instructor.
- 2015: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

2010-11: Jean Monnet Scholarship, European Union

2009: Erasmus Student Exchange Program Scholarship, European Union

2007-10: Outstanding Economics Student Fellowship, Turkish Economic Association

#### **TEACHING**

#### 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

## **Undergraduate Research Mentor**

Directed Studies, Texas A&M, Spring 2018

with Catherine Eckel, Class Size: 4, Rating: N/A

#### CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

**2019:** Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Waco, TX; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; James Madison University

2018: Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C.; North-American Economic Science Association, Guatemala; Decision Making for Others Meeting (poster), The Netherlands; Economic Science Association World Meeting, Germany; Texas Experimental Association Symposium, San Antonio, TX; NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (poster), NYC, NY

2017: Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL; Texas Theory Camp, College Station, TX; University of Chicago Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, Chicago, IL; 68° 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 (poster), San Diego, CA

**2016:** Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C.; North-American Economic Science Association, Tucson, AZ; Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Houston (poster), TX

2015: North-American Economic Science Association, Dallas, TX

#### WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2018: Recent Advances in the Economics of Philanthropy, WZB, Germany

**2017:** FAIR- The Choice Lab PhD Workshop, NHH Norwegian School of Economics; 5th Spring School in Behavioral Economics, UC San Diego

**2016:** The International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics; (IFREE) 21st Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University

**2015:** Interdisciplinary Workshop on Cooperation, Conflict and the Evolution of Sociality, Texas A&M; SED Doctoral School in Experimental Economics, Bilgi University

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Refereeing:** Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, American Political Science Review, Review of Economic Design.
- **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.