

# BILLUR AKSOY

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Experimental Economics, Public Economics, Identity Economics, Discrimination

## POSITIONS HELD

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### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics  
Graduate Program Director

*August 2019 -  
July 2022 -*

### **Ankara University, Turkey**

Research Fellow, Department of Economics

*January 2013 – July 2013*

### **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Turkey**

Auditor

*September 2011 – June 2012*

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University, TX, USA

*2019*

M.S. in Economics, University of Southampton, UK

*2011*

B.A. in Economics, Ankara University, Turkey

*2010*

## PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTED PAPERS

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- [1] Aksoy, Billur, Ian Chadd and Boon Han Koh. (2023) **“Sexual Identity, Gender, and Anticipated Discrimination in Prosocial Behavior”** *European Economic Review*. 154, 104427.
- [2] Aksoy, Billur, Christopher S. Carpenter and Dario Sansone. (2023) **“Knowledge About Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Protections on the Basis of Sexual Orientation”** *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 113, 541–545.
- [3] Aksoy, Billur and Silvana Krasteva. (2020) **“When Does Less Information Translate into More Giving to Public Goods?”** *Experimental Economics*. 23(4), 1148-1177.
- [4] Aksoy, Billur and Marco Palma. (2019) **“The Effects of Scarcity on Cheating and In-Group Favoritism”** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 165, 100-117.
- [5] Aksoy, Billur, Haley Harwell, Ada Kovaliukaite, and Catherine Eckel. (2018) **“Measuring Trust: A Reinvestigation”** *Southern Economic Journal*. 84(4), 992-1000.
- [6] Aksoy, Billur, Catherine Eckel and Rick Wilson. (2018) **“Can I Rely on You?”** *Games*. 9(4), 81.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [1] **“Understanding Labor Market Discrimination Against Transgender People in the US: Evidence from a Double List Experiment and a Survey”** with Christopher S. Carpenter and Dario Sansone (*Revise and Resubmit at Management Science*)
- [2] **“Gender, Sexual Identity, and Competitiveness”** with Ian Chadd.

- [3] **“From Distraction to Dedication: Commitment Against Smartphone Use in the Classroom”** with Lester Lusher and Scott Carrell.
- [4] **“The Gender Minority Gaps in Confidence and Self-Evaluations”** with Christine Exley and Judd Kessler
- [5] **“Behavioral Changes among MTurkers During the COVID-19 Pandemic”** with Ian Chadd, Elif Bike Osun, and Erkut Ozbay.
- [6] **“Workers’ Response to Wages in For-Profit and Non-Profit Jobs”** with Catherine Eckel and Angela De Oliveira.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

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National Science Foundation (SES-2031465 & SES-2031446) with Ian Chadd and Erkut Ozbay. 2020 - 2021. \$ 99,999.

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, AWARDS & GRANTS - RENSSELAER

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2021: HASS Exceptional Service Award

2019: HASS FLASH Grant with Ian Chadd. 2019-2020. \$2,000.

## INTERNAL HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS - TEXAS A&M

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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 Huyck 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

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European Union Jean Monnet Scholarship (2010-11), European Union Erasmus Student Exchange Program Scholarship (2009), Turkish Economic Association Outstanding Economics Student Fellowship (2007-10)

## TEACHING

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### Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

#### Behavioral Financial Economics (Cross Listed Course)

Spring 2023:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.13/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Spring 2022:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 5/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Fall 2021:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 5/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): 5/5
Spring 2021:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.92/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): 5/5
Fall 2020:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.22/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): 4.40/5
Spring 2020:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.88/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Fall 2019:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 5/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A

### Experimental Economics (Cross Listed Course)

Spring 2023:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.63/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Fall 2022:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.63/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Spring 2022:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 5/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Spring 2021:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.20/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A
Spring 2020:	Mean Rating ( <i>undergrad</i> ): 4.92/5	Mean Rating ( <i>grad</i> ): N/A

### Independent Studies Research (Undergraduate)

Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

### Texas A&M University

#### Directed Studies (Undergraduate)

Spring 2018, with Catherine Eckel

#### Experimental Economics (Undergraduate)

Fall 2017: Mean Rating: 4.94/5

#### Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

Fall 2015: Mean Rating: 4.84/5

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023:** ASSA (New Orleans), Middlebury College (invited), GMU (invited), University of Maryland (invited), University of Michigan (invited), Skidmore College (invited), AEA CSQIEP Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series, North-American ESA.
- 2022:** Williams College (invited), University of Vermont (invited), Monash University (invited), AEA CSQIEP Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series (invited), North-American ESA, ESA World Meeting, SAGE
- 2021:** Purdue University (invited), Union College (invited), University of Alabama (invited), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (invited), WEA, AEA CSQIEP Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series, University of East Anglia Discrimination and Diversity Workshop, SEA (panelist), North-American ESA
- 2020:** SEA, Early Career Workshop on the Economics of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- 2019:** Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (invited), James Madison University (invited), NHH Norwegian School of Economics (invited), University of East Anglia (invited)
- 2018:** SEA (Washington DC), North-American ESA (Guatemala), Decision Making for Others Meeting (*poster*) (The Netherlands), ESA World Meeting (Berlin/Germany), Texas Experimental Association Symposium (San Antonio/TX); NYU-CESSE Experimental Political Science Conference (*poster*).
- 2017:** SEA (Tampa/FL), Texas Theory Camp (College Station/TX), University of Chicago Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, 68<sup>th</sup> North Conference on Behavioral Economics (Svolvær/Norway). ESA World Meeting (San Diego/CA), 7th Biennial Conference on Social Dilemmas (Amherst/MA), 5th Spring School in Behavioral Economics (*poster*) (San Diego/CA)
- 2016:** SEA (Washington D.C.), North-American ESA (Tucson/AZ), Texas Experimental Association Symposium (*poster*) (Houston/TX)
- 2015:** North-American ESA (Dallas/TX)

## WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

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**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

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**Refereeing:** The Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Experimental Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Management Science, Oxford Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, American Political Science Review, PLOS One, Review of Economic Design, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Economics Letters, Industrial Relations, Journal of Economic Psychology, International Journal of the Economics of Business, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, Frontiers in Psychology, National Science Foundation (reviewer and panelist)

**Conference Organization:** Co-organizer of Experimental and Behavioral Economics Webinar (April 22, 2020 - May 27, 2020), Co-organizer of the ESA Junior Faculty Webinar Series (June 10, 2020 - August 19, 2020)

**Service:** Rensselaer Economics Graduate Program Director, Rensselaer Economics Department Faculty Search Committee, Rensselaer Economics Department Undergraduate Committee, Rensselaer LGBTQ+ Task Force, Aggie Ally, Mentor for TAMU Undergraduate Students at Aggie Graduate and Professional Community Club, Mentor for TAMU Women in Economics Club.

**Member** of American Economic Association, CSWEP, CSQIEP, Economic Science Association, Southern Economic Association.