

# BILLUR AKSOY

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Social Preferences, Gender and Identity

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA**

*August 2019 -*

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

**Ankara University, Turkey**

*January 2013 – July 2013*

Research Fellow, Department of Economics

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Turkey**

*September 2011 – June 2012*

Auditor

## EDUCATION

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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

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Aksoy, Billur and Silvana Krasteva. **“When Does Less Information Translate into More Giving to Public Goods?”** *Experimental Economics*. 2020

Aksoy, Billur and Marco Palma. **“The Effects of Scarcity on Cheating and In-Group Favoritism”** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 2019; 165: 100-117.

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

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**“Do Workers Exert More Effort for Mission-Oriented Jobs”** with Catherine Eckel and Angela De Oliviera

## 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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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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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

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### Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

#### Behavioral Financial Economics

Spring 2020: Class Size: 27, Mean Rating: 4.80/5, Department Average: 4.26

Fall 2019: Class Size: 6, Mean Rating: 5/5, Department Average: 4.12

#### Experimental Economics

Spring 2020: Class Size: 18, Mean Rating: 4.92/5, Department Average: 4.26

### Texas A&M University

#### Experimental Economics

Fall 2017: Class Size: 47, Mean Rating: 4.94/5, Department Average: 4.62

#### Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2015: Class Size: 198, Mean Rating: 4.84/5, Department Average: 4.08

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019:** Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Waco, TX; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (*invited*); James Madison University (*invited*)
- 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<sup>th</sup> 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

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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:** Experimental Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, American Political Science Review, PLOS One, Review of Economic Design, Industrial Relations, 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:** LGBTQ+ Task Force, 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.