

# BILLUR AKSOY

## Address:

Department of Economics  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
SAGE 3404, 110 8th Street  
Troy, NY 12180

## Contact:

E-mail: billuraksoy@gmail.com  
Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/site/billuraksoy/>  
Office Phone: 518-276-3925  
Gender Pronouns: she/her

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Social Preferences, Identity Economics

## EMPLOYMENT

---

**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

---

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 and Silvana Krasteva. **“When Does Less Information Translate into More Giving to Public Goods?”** *Experimental Economics*. 2020; 1148-1177.

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

---

**“Workers’ Response to Wages in For-Profit and Non-Profit Jobs”** with Catherine Eckel and Angela De Oliveira. (*Under Review*)

**“Hidden Identity and Social Preferences: Evidence from Sexual Minorities”** with Ian Chadd and Boon Han Koh.

**“Sexual Orientation and Competitiveness”** with Ian Chadd.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

---

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

---

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

## INTERNAL HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS - 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 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

---

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

---

### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

#### **Behavioral Financial Economics**

Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

#### **Experimental Economics**

Spring 2021, Spring 2020

### **Texas A&M University**

#### **Directed Studies**

Spring 2018, with Catherine Eckel

#### **Experimental Economics**

Fall 2017

#### **Principles of Microeconomics**

Fall 2015

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

---

**2021:** Western Economic Association International Virtual Conference, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series (scheduled), University of East Anglia Discrimination and Diversity Workshop (scheduled)

**2020:** Southern Economic Association Conference, Early Career Workshop on the Economics of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- 2019:** Texas Experimental Association Symposium, Waco, TX; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; James Madison University, NHH Norwegian School of Economics (invited), University of East Anglia (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>o</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

---

- 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:** Experimental Economics, Management Science, Journal of Public Economics, 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, 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:** 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.