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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Experimental Economics, Social Preferences, Identity Economics, Behavioral Economics

POSITIONS HELD

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

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

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

“(Anticipated) Discrimination against Sexual Minorities in Prosocial Domains” with Ian Chadd and Boon Han Koh. (*Revise & Resubmit*)

“Behavioral Changes among MTurkers During the COVID-19 Pandemic” with Ian Chadd, Elif Bike Osun, and Erkut Ozbay. (*Under Review*)

“Understanding Discrimination Against LGBT People in the US: Evidence from a Double List Experiment and a Survey” with Christopher S. Carpenter and Dario Sansone

“Gender, Sexual Orientation and Competitiveness” with Ian Chadd.

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

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 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

Experimental Economics

Spring 2022, 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

2022: ASSA (New Orleans) (scheduled).

2022: University of Vermont (invited), Monash University (invited), ESA World Meeting (Boston/MA) (scheduled), SABE (Lake Tahoe/NV) (scheduled)

- 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, 68th 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

- 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, Journal of Public Economics, The Economic Journal, Management Science, 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:** 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.