

# BILLUR AKSOY

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

## 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*

## PUBLICATIONS

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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

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

**“Views toward LGBT Rights and Knowledge about Anti-Discrimination Laws”** with Christopher S. Carpenter and Dario Sansone (*Paper Selected for AEA Papers and Proceedings*)

**“Understanding Labor Market Discrimination Against LGBT People in the US: Evidence from a Double List Experiment and a Survey”** with Christopher S. Carpenter and Dario Sansone (*Under Review*)

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

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

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

## 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 2022: Class Size: , Mean Rating: , Department Average:

Fall 2021: Class Size: , Mean Rating: , Department Average:

Spring 2021: Class Size: , Mean Rating: , Department Average:

Fall 2020: Class Size: 20, Mean Rating: , Department Average:

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

Fall 2022: Class Size: , Mean Rating: , Department Average:

Spring 2022: Class Size: , Mean Rating: , Department Average:

Spring 2021: Class Size: 4, Mean Rating: , Department Average:

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

#### Independent Studies Research

Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

## Texas A&M University

### Directed Studies

Spring 2018, with Catherine Eckel

### 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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- 2023:** ASSA (New Orleans) (scheduled), Middlebury College (invited) (scheduled)
- 2022:** Williams College (invited)(scheduled), University of Vermont (invited), Monash University (invited), ESA World Meeting (Boston/MA), SABE (Lake Tahoe/NV), AEA CSQIEP Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series (scheduled), North-American ESA (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, 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:** Experimental Economics, Journal of Public Economics, The Economic Journal, 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, 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.