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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Social Preferences, Identity Economics and 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, Catherine Eckel, and Angela De Oliviera. (2025) **“Workers’ Response to Wages in For-Profit and Non-Profit Jobs”** *Economic Inquiry*.
- [2] Aksoy, Billur and Ian Chadd. (2025) **“Competitiveness at the Intersection of Gender and Sexual Orientation”** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 233, 106987.
- [3] Aksoy, Billur, Christopher S. Carpenter, and Dario Sansone. (2025) **“Understanding Labor Market Discrimination Against Transgender People in the US: Evidence from a Double List Experiment and a Survey”** *Management Science*. 71(1), 659-677.
- [4] Aksoy, Billur, Ian Chadd, and Boon Han Koh. (2023) **“Sexual Identity, Gender, and Anticipated Discrimination in Prosocial Behavior”** *European Economic Review*. 154, 104427.
- [5] 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.
- [6] Aksoy, Billur and Silvana Krasteva. (2020) **“When Does Less Information Translate into More Giving to Public Goods?”** *Experimental Economics*. 23(4), 1148-1177.
- [7] Aksoy, Billur and Marco Palma. (2019) **“The Effects of Scarcity on Cheating and In-Group Favoritism”** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 165, 100-117.

- [8] Aksoy, Billur, Haley Harwell, Ada Kovaliukaite, and Catherine Eckel. (2018) “**Measuring Trust: A Reinvestigation**” *Southern Economic Journal*. 84(4), 992-1000.
- [9] Aksoy, Billur, Catherine Eckel, and Rick Wilson. (2018) “**Can I Rely on You?**” *Games*. 9(4), 81.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [1] “**From Distraction to Dedication: Commitment Against Phone Use in the Classroom**” with Lester Lusher and Scott Carrell. (*R&R at JEBO*)
- [2] “**The Gender Minority Gaps in Confidence and Self-Evaluations**” with Christine Exley and Judd Kessler
- [3] “**Revisiting Gender Differences in Economic Behavior Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic**” with Ian Chadd, Elif Bike Osun, and Erkut Ozbay. (*Under Review*)
- [4] “**Unlocking Insights into Prolific: Research Implications, Participant Behavior and Motivations**” with Saggi Nevo. (*Under Review*)

## HANDBOOK CHAPTERS

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- [1] “**Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**” with Ian Chadd, Brit Grosskopf, and Boon Han Koh. Accepted to Handbook of Gender and Experimental Economics.

## OTHER ARTICLES

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- [1] Aksoy, Billur, Christine Exley, and Judd Kessler. “**The gender-minority gaps in confidence and self-evaluation.**” March 2024. VoxEU.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

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- [1] National Science Foundation (SES-2031465 & SES-2031446) with Ian Chadd and Erkut Ozbay. 2020 - 2021. \$ 99,999.
- [2] J-PAL North America Education Technology and Opportunity Full Research Project Award with Lester Lusher and Scott E. Carrell. 2019 - 2022. \$149,396.
- [3] 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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- 2024: Trustees’ Celebration of Faculty Achievement Award
- 2022: Trustees’ Celebration of Faculty Achievement Award
- 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 Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.13/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Spring 2022,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 5/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Fall 2021,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 5/5	<i>Grad</i> : 5/5
Spring 2021,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.92/5	<i>Grad</i> : 5/5
Fall 2020,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.22/5	<i>Grad</i> : 4.40/5
Spring 2020,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.88/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Fall 2019,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 5/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A

#### Experimental Economics (Cross Listed Course)

Fall 2023,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.63/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Spring 2023,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.63/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Fall 2022,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.63/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Spring 2022,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 5/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Spring 2021,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.20/5	<i>Grad</i> : N/A
Spring 2020,	Mean Ratings: <i>Undergrad</i> : 4.92/5	<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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- 2025:** University of Exeter (invited/scheduled), Hamilton Collage (invited), 5th Discrimination and Diversity Workshop (invited speaker and chair/scheduled), Workshop on Gender and Education jointly organized by Collegio Carlo Alberto, INVALSI, University of Torino, and University of Trento (invited/scheduled).
- 2024:** Vanderbilt University (invited), INFORMS LGBTQ+ Research Forum (panelist), AEA CSQIEP Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series.
- 2023:** ASSA (New Orleans), Middlebury College (invited), GMU (invited), University of Maryland (invited), University of Michigan (invited), Skidmore College (invited), 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, SABE
- 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-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (*poster*).
- 2017:** SEA (Tampa/FL), Texas Theory Camp (College Station/TX), University of Chicago Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, 68° 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:** Management Science, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Experimental Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, American Political Science Review, Oxford Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Economics Letters, Journal of Economic Psychology, PLOS One, Review of Economic Design, Industrial Relations, 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, Economic Science Association, Southern Economic Association.