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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & AFFILIATIONS

2020–Present	Assistant Professor of Economics Grand Valley State University
2023–Present	External Fellow Methodist Le Bonheur Center for Healthcare Economics University of Memphis
2020–2023	Advisory Board Member Electronic Health Economics Colloquium (EHEC) American Society of Health Economists
2018–2020	Assistant Professor of Economics Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges
2018–2020	Postdoctoral Research Associate Private Enterprise Research Center, Texas A&M University

EDUCATION

2014–2018	Ph.D., Economics, Lehigh University
2013–2014	M.A., Economics, University of New Hampshire
2011–2013	M.A., Economics, Bilkent University
2007–2011	B.A., Economics, Bilkent University

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS (LINK IN TITLE)

PAPERS UNDER REVISION

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu (UPenn), Chia-Lun Liu (Analysis Group), and Erdal Tekin (American University) “Vaccination Policy, Delayed Care, and Health Expenditures.” NBER Working Paper 30139. Revise & Resubmit, *Economic Journal*.
 - Featured in Freakonomics, M.D.
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu (UPenn), Erdal Tekin (American University), and Shijun You (Lehigh) “From Syringes to Dishes: Improving Food Security through Vaccination.” IZA Discussion Paper 16009 & NBER Working Paper 31045. Reject & Resubmit, *Journal of Public Economics*.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Shin-Yi Chou (Lehigh), and Kuhelika De (Butler) “Business Cycles and Health-care Employment.” NBER Working Paper 29799. Revise & Resubmit, *Health Economics*.
4. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Murat C. Mungan (Texas A&M), and Han Yu (U of Memphis) “A Welfare Analysis of Medicaid and Recidivism.” (Previously circulated as “A Welfare Analysis of Medicaid and Crime,” George Mason Law & Economics Research Paper No. 22-11.) Revise & Resubmit, *Health Economics*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES, LAW REVIEWS & FORTHCOMING

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Murat C. Mungan, and Yijia Lu “Effective and Humane: A Two-Step Criminal Justice Reform.” *Alabama Law Review*, Forthcoming.
 - Flagship legal journal (ranked 43/400, 2021 W&L Law Journal Rankings)
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim, “Public Health Insurance and Employment Transitions.” *Labour Economics*, 102126, 2022.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Murat C. Mungan, Carlos I. Navarro, and Han Yu, “The Effect of Public Health Insurance on Criminal Recidivism.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 41: 45-91, 2022.
 - Featured in TIME
4. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Bilin Neyapti, “Fiscal Decentralization, Political Heterogeneity and Welfare,” *Prague Economic Papers*, 31(5): 346-376, 2022.
5. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Irina B. Panovska, and M. Anil Taş “Macroeconomic Effects of Maternity Leave Legislation in Emerging Economies.” *Economic Modelling*, 100: 105497, 2021.
6. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Murat C. Mungan, “Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment During COVID-19: Implications from Reduced Local Jail Populations,” *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 119: 108147, 2020.
7. Erkmen Giray Aslim, “The Relationship Between Health Insurance and Early Retirement: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act,” *Eastern Economic Journal* 45: 112-140, 2019.
8. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Bilin Neyapti, “Optimal Fiscal Decentralization: Redistribution and Welfare Implications,” *Economic Modelling* 61: 224-234, 2017.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (POLICY PAPERS & REPORTS)

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Daniel Montanera and Gerry Simons, *Health Check 2024: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan (vol. 15)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Valley State University, Forthcoming.
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Daniel Montanera and Gerry Simons, *Health Check 2023: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan (vol. 14)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Valley State University.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Daniel Montanera and Gerry Simons, *Health Check 2022: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan (vol. 13)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Valley State University.
4. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Carlos I. Navarro, “Pandemic Misery Index: Economic and Health Implications of COVID-19 in West Michigan,” *Seidman Business Review*, 27(1): 6-8, 2021.

5. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Daniel Montanera and Gerry Simons, *Health Check 2021: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan (vol. 12)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Valley State University.

- Grants provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health
- We use member data from Blue Care Network, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Priority Health

WORKING PAPERS

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Shin-Yi Chou (Lehigh), and Han Yu (U of Memphis), “Harmonizing the Yin and Yang: Gender Disparities in Subjective Well-Being after Retirement in China.” NBER Working Paper 31780. Under review.
2. Nawar Nayeem (LSU), Erkmen Giray Aslim, and Shin-Yi Chou (Lehigh), “ADHD Diagnosis and Risk-Based Heterogeneity in Medical Expenditures”

PAPERS & BOOKS IN PROGRESS

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Manuel Hoffmann (Harvard), Ruixin Jia (Texas A&M), Murat C. Mungan (Texas A&M), and Marco A. Palma (Texas A&M) “Social Connection as a Determinant of Labor-Leisure Choices.” Field experiment in progress.
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Bilin Neyapti (Bilkent), “The Future of Fiscal Decentralization.” Book under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Kathryn Johnson (American University), and Erdal Tekin (American University), “Policing Behavior in the United States”
4. Nick Huntington-Klein (Seattle U), Claus Pörtner (Seattle U), Erkmen Giray Aslim, et al. “Many-Economists Project”

COLUMNS, BLOG POSTS, RESEARCH BRIEFS, PODCASTS, AND TV INTERVIEWS

1. “The Impact of Medicaid Beyond Health,” 09/08/2022, Research Brief, Public Health Post, Boston University, School of Public Health
2. “Medicaid expansion could help Missouri reduce prison recidivism — if only the state promoted it,” 02/02/2022, Radio Interview, KCUR, NPR
 - Broadcasted by St. Louis Public Radio, NPR, Iowa Public Radio, NPR, WFYI, Indianapolis’ NPR and PBS station, and WYSO Public Radio, NPR
3. “Health care reform could reduce criminal recidivism,” 12/09/2021, TV Interview, CGTN America
4. “Top of Mind Radio and Podcast Interview with Julie Rose,” 03/02/2021, Podcast Interview, Sirius XM, BYU Radio
5. “Let’s Go There Radio and Podcast Interview with Ryan Mitchell and Shira Lazar,” 02/16/2021, Podcast Interview, Channel Q
6. “How the Affordable Care Act can keep people out of prison,” 02/12/2021, Research Brief, The Conversation
 - Featured in Houston Chronicles, NewsBreak, Yahoo News, Flipboard, Medical Xpress, National Interest
7. “Research suggests health care industry could have financial troubles well after pandemic,” 01/09/2021, Radio Interview, Michigan Radio, NPR

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

2023	Research Grant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health (\$6,000)
2023	Summer Research Grant, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University (\$10,000)
2023	Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (\$850)
2022	Research Grant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health (\$5,000)
2022	Summer Research Grant, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University (\$10,000)
2022	Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (\$850)
2021	Research Grant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health (\$4,000)
2021	Summer Research Grant, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University (\$10,000)
2021	Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (\$850)
2018	Stout Dissertation Award, Lehigh University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University dissertation award (one award per college)
2017	Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award, Lehigh University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominated by undergraduate students
2017	Graduate Student Champion Award, Lehigh University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominated by graduate students
2016	Warren-York Fellowship, Lehigh University
2016	College of Business and Economics Leadership Award, Lehigh University
2010	Merit Scholarship, Bilkent University

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS (EXCLUDING PRESENTATIONS AS A DISCUSSANT, INCLUDING SCHEDULED, *CANCELED/POSTPONED)

2024	Michigan Health & Hospital Association Healthcare Leadership Academy
2023	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Southern Economic Association, West Michigan Health Care Economic Forecast, Michigan Health & Hospital Association Healthcare Leadership Academy
2022	University of Memphis, Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Atilim University, NBER COVID-19 and Health Outcomes Spring Meeting, Applied Microeconomics & Policy Workshop at MEF University, West Michigan Health Care Economic Forecast, Southern Economic Association, National Tax Association*

2021	SUNY - Rockefeller Institute of Government - Developing Evidence-Based Drug Policy Conference, American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association International, West Michigan Health Care Economic Forecast, Blue Cross Blue Shield Holland and Muskegon Health Check, Southern Economic Association, American Law and Economics Association, National Tax Association
2020	George Mason University - Antonin Scalia Law School, Grand Valley State University, American Society of Health Economists*, Southern Economic Association
2019	American Society of Health Economists, Western Economic Association International, Southern Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
2018	University of Pennsylvania - Perelman School of Medicine, Auburn University at Montgomery, BAU International in Washington, DC, Rice University - Baker Institute for Public Policy, Texas A&M University - Private Enterprise Research Center, Texas A&M University - Public Policy Research Institute, Eastern Economic Association, Southern Economic Association
2017	International Health Economics Association, Eastern Economic Association
2016	Bilkent University, Eastern Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTOR

Grand Valley State University

Health Economics, Spring 2024

Introductory Microeconomics, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Markets, Strategy, and Government Policy, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Emerging Markets Issues (online, asynchronous), Summer 2020

Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges

Econometrics and Economic Systems (online, synchronous), Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Lehigh University

Statistical Methods, Spring 2018

Applied Microeconomic Analysis, Fall 2017

Principles of Economics (online, synchronous), Summer 2017

Principles of Economics, Student Scholars Institute, Summer 2016, Summer 2017

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Lehigh University

Principles of Economics, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017

Money, Banking and Financial Markets, Spring 2016

University of New Hampshire

Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2014

Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2013

Bilkent University

Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2013

Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2012

Macroeconomic Theory I, Fall 2011

RESEARCH ADVISING

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

LEHIGH

Nawar Nayeem, Ph.D. in Economics, 2023. Placement: Louisiana State University, Department of Economics.

M.SC. SECOND READER

MINERVA

Michael Koho, Master's in Decision Analysis, 2021.

HONORS THESIS/SENIOR CAPSTONE/RA ADVISING

MINERVA

Sohit Miglani, 2019. Placement: Princeton, Ph.D. in Quantitative Biology.

Giovanna Chaves, 2019. Placement: Barcelona School of Economics, Master's in Data Science.

GVSU

Kameron Norwood, 2023. Placement: University of Notre Dame, Master's in Finance.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC SERVICE (LEHIGH)

2015-2016 Graduate advisor, United States Association for Energy Economics (USAEE)

ACADEMIC SERVICE (MINERVA)

2019-2020 Capstone advising

ACADEMIC SERVICE (GVSU)

- 2023- Organizer, Economics Department Research Seminar Series
- 2022-2023 Co-organizer, Economics Department Research Seminar Series
- 2022- Committee Member, Seidman College of Business Journal Rankings Review Taskforce
- 2021-2022 Advisor, Honors Senior Project, Frederik Meijer Honors College
- 2021-2022 Reviewer & Advisor of Economic Data Competition (Datathon)
- 2020- Author & Presenter of *Health Check: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan*, a report published by the Seidman College of Business

ACADEMIC SERVICE (OTHER)

- 2023 Reviewer for APPAM Fall Research Conference
- 2022 Co-organizer of the Applied Microeconomics & Policy Workshop in Istanbul
- 2021 Organizer of a session on economics of crime for the WEAI Virtual International Conference
- 2019 Organizer of two sessions on health economics for the SEA annual meeting
Organizer of two sessions on economics of crime and health economics for the WEAI annual meeting
- Reviewer for ASHEcon Annual Conference
- 2018 Reviewer for ASHEcon Annual Conference

PEER-REVIEWING: PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL

Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Health Economics, Industrial Relations, Southern Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economics and Human Biology, PLOS One, INQUIRY, Journal of Labor Research, Economics & Politics, Eastern Economic Journal, Financial Innovation, Supreme Court Economic Review, World Development, World Medical & Health Policy

CONSULTATION: EXTERNAL PROJECTS

- 2023- Perrigo, Industry: Pharmaceuticals
Project: Demand Estimation for Cold/Flu Medicine Using Artificial Intelligence Applications
- 2023 - Michigan Health & Hospital Association, Industry: Healthcare
Project: Health and Economic Outcomes in Clinician-Led Hospitals

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, International Health Economics Association, Southern Economic Association, European Association of Labour Economists, Western Economic Association International, Beta Gamma Sigma

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE & POLICY CITATIONS

POLICY CITATIONS

“Bureau of Prisons: Assessment of Health Care Reentry Policies and Procedures Needed,” 02/2023, Report to Congressional Committees, United States Government Accountability Office

“Coordination to Reduce Barriers to Reentry: lessons learned from COVID-19 and beyond,” 04/04/2022, Report to Congress from the Reentry Coordination Council

“Beyond the U.S. Department of Justice,” 07/15/2021, Center for American Progress: Washington, DC

“Policy Recommendations Respectfully Submitted to the Biden-Harris Administration Regarding Incarceration and Reentry,” 05/03/2021, Report by the New York City Bar Association’s Corrections and Community Reentry Committee, Criminal Courts Committee, and Criminal Justice Operations Committee

“Paid Leave for Caregiving: Issues and Answers,” 11/01/2020, AEI-Brookings Paid Leave Project (edited by Isabel V. Sawhill and Betsey Stevenson)

“Paid Maternity Leave and Child Mortality in Asia and the Pacific,” 06/01/2020, Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations: New York

“Reentry Reforms Are More Critical Than Ever Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic,” 04/30/2020, Center for American Progress: Washington, DC

LOCAL & NATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

“Inmates With Both Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders Cycle Through Jails Relentlessly” 05/02/2023, PBS

“Chicago’s Election Will Shape the Future of Public Safety in America” 03/31/2023, The Nation

“Depression on the rise, disparities remain in West Michigan healthcare” 02/04/2023, Yahoo News

“Biden’s Plan for More Police Won’t Make America Safer” 08/24/2022, TIME Magazine

Discussion of “Vaccination Policy, Delayed Care, and Health Expenditures” NBER Working Paper 30139. 07/01/2022, Office Hours with Bapu, Freakonomics, M.D.

“So You Want to Reduce Crime?,” 05/13/2022, The Nation

“Medicaid expansion reduces crime, researchers say. Will Missouri GOP listen?,” 04/17/2022, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

“Health Check: leftover pain medication helping fuel opioid crisis,” 02/07/2022, PBS

- Featured in NewsBreak

“GVSU releases its 12th Annual Health Check for Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Allegan Counties,” 01/08/2021, PBS

“Health Care on the Line: How the Affordable Care Act kept me out of prison,” 11/09/2020, USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism

“Inequality, Not Violence, is Killing Americans at Record Rates,” 08/20/2019, The Appeal

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