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WORK EXPERIENCE

Wellesley College <i>Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure)</i>	September 2020 – present
Wellesley College <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	July 2011 – August 2020
Wesleyan University <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	July 2010 – June 2011
Harvard University <i>Giorgio Ruffolo Post-doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science</i>	September 2009 – August 2010

VISITING POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

IZA Institute of Labor Economics <i>Research Fellow</i>	April 2024 – present
Harvard University <i>Research Fellow in Women and Public Policy Program</i>	September 2023 – August 2024
Boston University <i>Visiting Researcher in Institute for Economic Development</i>	January 2017 – June 2017
Toulouse School of Economics <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	September 2016 – December 2016
Harvard University <i>Research Affiliate in Women and Public Policy Program</i>	September 2010 – August 2012
Harvard University <i>Post-Doctoral Affiliate in Environmental Economics Program</i>	November 2009 – August 2010

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Economic Development and Cultural Change, Associate Editor	November 2023 – present
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, May 2009
M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, December 2006
M.A., Economics, Yale University, May 2005
B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude*, Bilkent University, May 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Evolving Impact of the Ogallala Aquifer: Agricultural Adaption to Groundwater and Climate,” with Richard Hornbeck, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2014, 6(1), 190-219.
- “Does Agriculture Generate Local Economic Spillovers? Short-run and Long-run Evidence from the Ogallala Aquifer,” with Richard Hornbeck, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2015, 7(2), 192-213.
- “Water Quality Awareness and Breastfeeding: Evidence of Health Behavior Change in Bangladesh,” with Gauri Kartini Shastry and Helen Willis, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2017, 99(2), 265-280.

- “For Better or Worse?: Education and Prevalence of Domestic Violence in Turkey,” with Bilge Erten, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2018, 10(1), 64-105.
- “Compulsory Schooling for Whom? The Role of Gender, Poverty, and Religiosity,” with Bilge Erten, *Economics of Education Review*, 2019, 72: 187–203.
- “Breaking the Cycle: Education and Intergenerational Transmission of Violence,” with Bilge Erten, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2020, 102 (2): 252–268.
- “Female Employment and Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Syrian Refugee Inflows to Turkey,” with Bilge Erten, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2021, 150.
- “COVID-19 Lockdowns and Mental Health: Evidence from Turkish Curfews,” with Onur Altindag and Bilge Erten, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2022, 14(2), 320-343.
- “Does Knowledge Empower? Education, Legal Awareness and Intimate Partner Violence,” with Bilge Erten, *Feminist Economics*, 2022, 5, 1-31.
- “Social Distancing, Stimulus Payments, and Domestic Violence: Evidence from the U.S. during COVID-19,” with Bilge Erten and Silvia Prina, *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 2022, 112, 262-266.
- “Syrian Refugee Inflows, Health Care Access, and Childhood Vaccination in Turkey,” with Bilge Erten, Miray Omurtak, and Ilhan Can Ozen, *the World Bank Economic Review*, 2023, 37, 127-146.
- “Trade-offs? The Impact of WTO Accession on Female Empowerment in Cambodia,” with Bilge Erten, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2024, 106(2), 322-333.
- “Fighting Abuse with Prescription Tracking: Mandatory Drug Monitoring and Intimate Partner Violence,” with Dhaval Dave, Bilge Erten, David Hummel, and Shuo Zhang, *Journal of Population Economics*, 2025, 38(3), 1-27.
- “From Addiction to Aggression: The Spillover Effects of Opioid Policies on Intimate Partner Violence,” with Dhaval Dave, Bilge Erten, and Shuo Zhang, *Journal of Health Economics*, 2025, 104, 103073.
- “Trade Liberalization and Mental Health: Evidence from China,” with Bilge Erten, Rodrigo Pinto, Huihua Xie and Lianming Zhu, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2026, 245, 107504.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Transforming Minds: The Impact of Public Mental Healthcare Provision on Children’s Outcomes in Brazil,” with Diogo Britto, Bilge Erten, Breno Sampaio, and Shuo Zhang, *revise&resubmit, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- “From Treatment to Safety: The Role of Substance Use Treatment in Preventing Intimate Partner Violence,” with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel, Dhaval Dave, Bilge Erten and Catarina Meneses, NBER Working Paper, No.34642.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Trauma in Conflict-Affected Settings: At-Scale Experimental Evidence in Colombia,” with Mariana Bonet, Bilge Erten, Camila Galindo and Andrés Moya.
- “Targeted Lockdowns and Mortality: Evidence from Covid-19 Mobility Bans for Seniors in Turkey,” with Onur Altindag, Bilge Erten and Ayse Tumturk.

SHORTER PIECES AND COMMENTS

- “Water Quality Awareness and Behaviour Change,” with Hannah Ruebeck and Gauri Kartini Shastri, *Ideas for India*, July 2016.
- “Education and Domestic Violence in Turkey,” with Bilge Erten, *VoxDev*, May 2019.
- “Female Employment and Intimate Partner Violence in Turkey,” with Bilge Erten, *VoxDev*, July 2020.
- “Mental Health Costs of Lockdowns: Evidence from Curfews in Turkey,” with Onur Altindag and Bilge Erten, *GlobalDev Blog*, February 2021.
- “Trade-offs: WTO Accession and Intimate Partner Violence in Cambodia,” with Bilge Erten, *VoxEU*, February 2022.
- “Empower Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Through Vocational Training,” *Wellesley Magazine*, September 2023.
- “WTO Accession Increased Intimate Partner Violence in Cambodia,” with Bilge Erten, *VoxDev*, May 2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (including scheduled)

- Principles of Microeconomics, Wellesley College (Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
- Introduction to Probability and Statistics, Wellesley College (Fall 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
- Environmental and Resource Economics, Wellesley College (Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025. Spring 2026)
- Environmental Issues in Developing Countries, Wellesley College (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025. Spring 2026)
- Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics, Wesleyan University (Spring 2011)
- The Economics of Developing Countries, Wesleyan University (Fall 2010)
- Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis, Wesleyan University (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
- Introduction to Stata, Centre for Micro Finance, IFMR (December 2006)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- MIT J-PAL Humanitarian Protection Initiative Grant for “Caregiver Mental Health and Early Childhood Development in Conflict-Affected Settings: At-Scale Experimental Evidence from Colombia” with Bilge Erten (Northeastern), Andres Moya Rodriguez (Universidad de los Andes), and Camila Andrea Galindo Pardo (Universidad de los Andes), 2025-2026
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant for “Spillover Effects of Policies Targeting Opioid Abuse on Intimate Partner Violence” with Dhaval Dave (Bentley) and Bilge Erten (Northeastern), 2024-2026
- World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020 and 2022
- NBER Gender in the Economy Study Group Research Grants on Women, Victimization, and Covid-19 for “COVID-19 Movement Restrictions and Domestic Violence: Evidence from the U.S.” with Bilge Erten (Northeastern), and Silvia Prina (Northeastern), 2020
- Northeastern University Provost’s Office COVID-19 Crisis Seed Funding for “COVID-19 Movement Restrictions and Domestic Violence: Evidence from the U.S.” with Bilge Erten (Northeastern) and Silvia Prina (Northeastern), 2020
- Northeastern University CSSH COVID-19 Research and Engagement Development Initiative for “COVID-19 Lockdown, Mental Health, and Subjective Wellbeing Evidence from Turkey” with Onur Altindag (Bentley) and Bilge Erten (Northeastern), 2020
- LAC-DEV Post-Conference Collaboration Award with Julia Berazneva (Middlebury College), 2018
- University of Virginia Global Research Program of Distinction Grant for “Costs and Remediation of Groundwater Contamination” with David Glick (Brown) and Sheetal Sekhri (Virginia), 2016
- University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Seed Grant for “The Economics of Groundwater Contamination in Rajasthan” with David Glick (Brown), Garrick Louis (Virginia), Sheetal Sekhri (Virginia) and Kirsten Wells (Virginia), 2015

- IGC Grant for data collection in Rajasthan, India for “Markets for Drinking Water: How They Function and Consequences for Welfare” with David Glick (Brown), Sriniketh Nagavarapu (Brown), Sheetal Sekhri (Virginia), 2013
- Wellesley College, Social Sciences Summer Research Program, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2020
- Wellesley College, Faculty Research Award, 2011, 2018, 2020-2025.
- Wesleyan University Project Grant for “The Gender of Caste: Identity, Political Reservations and Access to Water Resources in Rural India,” 2010
- IGC Grant for field work in Bihar, India for “Strengthening Capacity of Women Leaders in Rural India,” with Lori Beaman (Northwestern), Esther Duflo (MIT), and Rohini Pande (HKS), 2010
- Harvard Sustainability Science Program Research Grant for “Long-run Adjustment to Water Availability: Evidence from the Ogallala Aquifer,” with Richard Hornbeck (Harvard), 2010-2012
- Harvard University Center for Environment Grant for “Long-run Adjustment to Water Availability: Evidence from the Ogallala Aquifer,” with Richard Hornbeck (Harvard), 2010
- Harvard University, Giorgio Ruffolo Post-doctoral Fellowship, 2009-2010
- Yale University, Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2008
- Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, John F. Enders Fund, Summer 2007
- Ryoichi Sasakawa Fellowship, 2006-2007
- Yale University, Economic Growth Center Field Research Prize, Fall 2006
- Yale University, Summer Fellowship, 2004, 2005 and 2006
- Yale University, Doctoral Fellowship, 2003-2007
- Bilkent University, Merit Scholarship (full tuition and expenses), 1999-2003

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Refereeing: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, NSF, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Economic Studies, United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, Violence Against Women, The World Bank Economic Review, World Development

Presentations (including scheduled):

- 2009 University of California-San Diego, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wesleyan University, City University of New York-Hunter College, University of Edinburgh, University of Essex, Oxford University, University of London-Royal Holloway, IFPRI, European Economic Association Summer Meeting (Barcelona, Spain), Harvard University, Dalhousie University, NEUDC (Tufts University)
- 2010 Harvard University, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, BREAD (Alba di Canazei), Mellon 23 Workshop in Economic History and Development (Williams College), NEUDC (MIT)
- 2011 Wellesley College, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University), Williams College, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (University of London), Wesleyan University, North American Summer Meeting of Econometric Society (Washington University in St. Louis), NEUDC (Yale)
- 2012 Harvard University, Clark University, MIT (Workshop on Gender, Technology and Development), Wellesley College (Science Faculty Seminar Series)
- 2013 Middlebury College (Conference on the Politics of Freshwater: Access and Identity in a Changing Environment), LAC-Development Conference (Amherst College)
- 2014 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (Boston), Columbia University (NIEHS Superfund Research Program), IGC Growth Week (LSE), NEUCD (Boston University)
- 2015 Northeastern University, Hamilton-Colgate Economics Seminar (Hamilton College)

- 2016 Sustainability Science Symposium (Harvard University), Toulouse School of Economics, Université Paris-Dauphine (DIAL)
- 2017 Boston University, LAC-Development Conference (Hamilton College), Galatasaray University (Annual Istanbul Conference on Human Capital), NEUCD (Tufts University)
- 2018 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Dartmouth College, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2019 Williams College, Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Bates College
- 2020 NEUCD (Dartmouth College)
- 2021 LAC-Development Seminar, Washington and Lee University, Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, NBER Economics of Caregiving Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, NEUCD (Boston University)
- 2022 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2023 Harvard University (WAPPP)
- 2024 International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Australian National University (Conference on Women's Safety and Financial Security), Harvard University (WAPPP)
- 2025 LAC-PaL Virtual Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona (Workshop on Violence Against Women: Drivers and Policies), University of Kansas, University of Sherbrooke, World Bank Gender Innovation Lab (Workshop on Policy Options for Reducing Violence Against Women at Scale)
- 2026 LAC-PaL Conference (Oberlin College)

Activities for Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in Economics:

- 2020 Mentor at the Women in Economics Mentoring Workshop (Boston University)
- 2021 Mentor at the CSWEP CeMENT Mentoring Workshop (AEA Annual Meetings)
- 2023 Presentation at the Harvard Undergraduate Inclusion in Economics Seminar
- 2025 Presentation at the Women in Economics @ Bentley Seminar Series
- 2025 Mentor for the Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)

College Service:

- 2012-2016 Tanner Conference Organizing Committee
- 2013-2015 Advisory Committee on Library and Technology Policy (ACLTP)
- 2017-2018 Committee on Lectures and Cultural Events (CLCE)
- 2018-2020 Faculty Research and Awards Committee (FRAC)
- 2019 Tanner Conference Organizing Committee
- 2019-2020 Faculty Steering Committee for the Center for Environment
- 2021 Tanner Conference Organizing Committee
- 2020-2021 Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (SUST)
- 2021-2022 Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (SUST)
- 2022-2023 Advisory Committee on Academic Staffing (ACAS)
- 2024-2025 Advisory Committee on Academic Staffing (ACAS)
- 2025-present Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Academic Staffing (ACAS)

Departmental Service:

- 2011-2012 Student Prizes Committee
- 2013-2014 Applied Microeconomics Faculty Search Committee
- 2013-2015 Organizer of Weekly Departmental Brown Bag Seminars
- 2017-2020 Student Prizes Committee
- 2019-2021 Departmental Grant Funding Committee
- 2020-2022 Faculty Advisor to the Economics Students Association (ESA)
- 2022-2023 Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- 2022-2023 LAC-Development Conference Organizing Committee
- 2024-2025 Co-Organizer of Department Speaker Series
- 2024-2025 Applied Microeconomics Faculty Search Committee
- 2025-2026 Alumnae Conference Organizing Committee