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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2024–Present	Assistant Professor Department of Economics, University of Vermont
2024–Present	Affiliate Faculty Osher Center for Integrative Health, University of Vermont Health and Society Program, University of Vermont
2023–Present	External Fellow Methodist Le Bonheur Center for Healthcare Economics, University of Memphis

PAST EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2020–2023	Advisory Board Member Electronic Health Economics Colloquium (EHEC), American Society of Health Economists
2020–2024	Assistant Professor Department of Economics, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University
2018–2020	Assistant Professor College of Social Sciences, 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 (Merit Scholarship), Bilkent University

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS (LINK IN TITLE)

PAPERS UNDER REVISION

1. Nick Huntington-Klein (Seattle U), Claus Pörtner (Seattle U), ..., Erkmen Giray Aslim, et al. "The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics." NBER Working Paper 33729. Revisions requested at *Journal of Economic Literature*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES, LAW REVIEWS & FORTHCOMING

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu, Erdal Tekin, and Shijun You "From Syringes to Dishes: Improving Food Insufficiency through Vaccination." *Journal of Public Economics*, 247, 105392, 2025.
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu, Chia-Lun Liu, and Erdal Tekin "Vaccination Policy, Delayed Care, and Health Expenditures." *Economic Journal*, 134(664), 309-3136, 2024.
 - Featured in Freakonomics, M.D.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Murat C. Mungan, and Han Yu "A Welfare Analysis of Medicaid and Recidivism." *Health Economics*, 33(11), 2463-2507, 2024.
 - Included in the Policy Impacts Library
4. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Shin-Yi Chou, and Kuhelika De "Business Cycles and Healthcare Employment." *Health Economics*, 33(9), 2123-2161, 2024.
5. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Murat C. Mungan, and Yijia Lu "Inmate Assistance Programs: Toward a Less Punitive and More Effective Criminal Justice System." *Alabama Law Review*, 75(4): 863-896, 2024.
 - Flagship legal journal (ranked 39/400, 2022 W&L Law Journal Rankings)
6. Erkmen Giray Aslim, "Public Health Insurance and Employment Transitions." *Labour Economics*, 102126, 2022.
7. 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
8. Erkmen Giray Aslim and Bilin Neyapti, "Fiscal Decentralization, Political Heterogeneity and Welfare," *Prague Economic Papers*, 31(5): 346-376, 2022.
9. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Irina B. Panovska, and M. Anil Taş "Macroeconomic Effects of Maternity Leave Legislation in Emerging Economies." *Economic Modelling*, 100: 105497, 2021.
10. 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.
11. Erkmen Giray Aslim, "The Relationship Between Health Insurance and Early Retirement: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act," *Eastern Economic Journal* 45: 112-140, 2019.
12. 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.
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.
 - Research grants provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health
 - These reports analyze restricted member data from Blue Care Network, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Priority Health

WORKING PAPERS

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu (Louisville), Caitlin Myers (Middlebury), Erdal Tekin (American University), and Bingjin Xue (University of New Hampshire), “Abortion, Economic Hardship, and Crime.” NBER Working Paper 34245.
2. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Wei Fu (Louisville), and Erdal Tekin (American University), “Abortion Access and Child Maltreatment.” NBER Working Paper 32771.
3. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Rafiuddin Najam (American University), and Erdal Tekin (American University), “Human Capital Impacts of In Utero Exposure to War Conflict in Afghanistan.” NBER Working Paper 33398.
4. 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.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

1. Erkmen Giray Aslim, Kathryn Johnson (American University), and Erdal Tekin (American University), “The Thin Blue Line: Traffic Stops in the Wake of Police Fatalities.”
2. 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.

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

1. “Report shows connection between TX abortion ban, crime increase,” 11/17/2025, Research Interview, Public News Service
2. “How COVID Vaccines Reduced U.S. Food Insecurity,” 07/30/2025, Research Interview, Faculti
3. “War in the womb: How conflict hurts children in Afghanistan,” 04/22/2025, Research Brief, VoxDev
4. “The Impact of Medicaid Beyond Health,” 09/08/2022, Research Brief, Public Health Post, Boston University, School of Public Health
5. “Medicaid expansion could help Missouri reduce prison recidivism — if only the state promoted it,” 02/02/2022, Research Interview, NPR

6. "Health care reform could reduce criminal recidivism," 12/09/2021, TV Interview, CGTN America
7. "Top of Mind Radio and Podcast Interview with Julie Rose," 03/02/2021, Podcast Interview, Sirius XM, BYU Radio
8. "Let's Go There Radio and Podcast Interview with Ryan Mitchell and Shira Lazar," 02/16/2021, Podcast Interview, Channel Q
9. "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
10. "Research suggests health care industry could have financial troubles well after pandemic," 01/09/2021, Research Interview, NPR

GRANTS

RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION GRANTS

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| 2025-2028 | Laura and John Arnold Foundation. <i>Unpacking the role of body-worn cameras in police-citizen interactions during traffic stops following felonious killings of police officers</i> . Tekin, Erdal (PI) and Aslim, Erkmen (co-PI) . Awarded: \$299,991. |
| 2024 | Early Extra Promotion of Research & Scholarly Success, UVM. <i>Community Perceptions and Well-Being: A Pilot Study on the Impact of Census Race Reclassification</i> . Aslim, Erkmen (PI) . Awarded: \$3,000. |
| 2021-2024 | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health, <i>West Michigan Healthcare Economic Forecast</i> . Aslim, Erkmen (PI) , Montanera, Daniel (co-PI), Simons, Gerry (co-PI). Awarded: \$15,000 (sub-award solely to the PI). |
| 2021-2023 | Seidman College of Business, GVSU, <i>Summer Research Grant</i> . Aslim, Erkmen (PI) . Awarded: \$30,000. |
| 2020-2023 | Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, GVSU, <i>Dissemination Grant</i> . Aslim, Erkmen (PI) . Awarded: \$3,400. |

AWARDS, HONORS, AND OTHER RECOGNITION

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| 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, INVITED SEMINARS, & KEYNOTE LECTURES
(EXCLUDING PRESENTATIONS AS A DISCUSSANT, INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025	American University, Middlebury Brown Bag, 3rd International Social Science Congress on Violence and Crime (Keynote Lecture), Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics National Honor Society, St. Michael's College, American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-being (Georgia Tech)
2024	NBER Children and Families Program, Danish Center for Social Science Research (Health Innovation Workshop), Loyola Marymount University, University of Vermont, Michigan Health & Hospital Association Healthcare Leadership Academy, Southern Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
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

University of Vermont

Health Economics, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2024, Summer 2025, Spring 2026

Health Economics (Seminar), Fall 2024, Spring 2026

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

GRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

INDEPENDENT GRADUATE RESEARCH

UVM

Susan Whitman, Ph.D. in Interprofessional Health Sciences, Integrative Health Concentration, 2025.

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

LEHIGH

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

M.SC. SECOND READER

MINERVA

Michael Koho, Master's in Decision Analysis, 2021. Placement: Openclaims, Data Scientist.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

HONORS THESIS/SENIOR CAPSTONE/RESEARCH ASSISTANT/MENTOR

UVM

Luke Pulaski, 2025. Honors Thesis: "Immigration, Rents, and House Prices in American Metropolitan Areas."

MINERVA

Sohit Miglani, 2019. Placement: University of Chicago, Research Intern; Current: Princeton, Ph.D. in Quantitative Biology.

Giovanna Chaves, 2019. Placement: Barcelona School of Economics, Master's in Data Science; Current: NYU, Ph.D. in Economics.

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)

2023-2024 Organizer, Economics Department Research Seminar Series
2022-2023 Co-organizer, Economics Department Research Seminar Series
2022-2023 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)
2020-2024 Author & Presenter of *Health Check: Analyzing Trends in West Michigan*, a report published by the Seidman College of Business

ACADEMIC SERVICE (UVM)

2024 - Graduate Advising (Research), College of Nursing and Health Sciences
2024 - Undergraduate Advising, College of Arts and Sciences
2024 - Peer Review (Teaching), Department of Economics
2024 - Admitted Student Visits, Department of Economics
2024 - Admitted Student Visits, Health and Society Program
2025 - Department Awards Committee, Department of Economics
2025 - Curriculum Assessment & Revision, Department of Economics
2025 - Committee Member, Honors Thesis, Patrick Leahy Honors College
2025 - Committee Member, Honors Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC SERVICE (OTHER)

- 2025 Organizer of a session on policing and race for the ASSA/AEA Meetings
- 2024 Organizer of a session on reproductive policies for the APPAM Fall Research Conference
- 2023 Reviewer for the 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

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Health Economics, Industrial Relations, Empirical Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics and Human Biology, PLOS One, INQUIRY, Journal of Labor Research, Economics & Politics, Eastern Economic Journal, Financial Innovation, Supreme Court Economic Review, World Medical & Health Policy, World Development

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

“Natural experiment in Texas shows property crime went up when abortion access fell” 09/15/2025, NPR

“Social Studies: Overconfident students; how opioids changed politics; a positive side effect of the COVID vaccine” 06/24/2025, The Boston Globe

“What the budget bill’s public health cuts mean for public safety” 06/06/2025, The Hill

“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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