

## Sibel Atasoy

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### CAREER OBJECTIVE

To obtain a research and/or consulting position that focuses on applying knowledge of economic theory to researching economic entities. Specific interests include statistical analysis, resource economics, and regional and community development.

### EDUCATION

#### 2004-Present

**Ph.D.** Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia  
Major Field: Public and Regional/Urban Economics  
Minor Field: Development and International Economics  
Expected Graduation Date: June 2008

#### 2002-2004

**M.S.** Resource Economics and Policy, University of Maine, Orono, Maine  
Concentration: Community Economic Development  
Thesis: The Economic Impact and Importance of Microbusinesses to the New England Economy

#### 1997-2002

**B.S.** Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, TURKEY

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### 2004-Present

##### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia  
Applied Research in Rural and Regional Economic Development  
Special Focus on Poverty Dynamics

#### 2002-2004

##### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Department of Resource Economics and Policy, University of Maine, Orono, Maine  
Applied Research in Rural Economic Development  
Special Focus on Microbusinesses

2000-2002

**Project Assistant**

Onur Yildirim, Department of Economics, METU, Ankara, TURKEY  
Review of historical archives of the Turkish Grand National Assembly

OTHER

Interpersonal Skills

Focused, multi-task oriented, able to adapt effectively to challenging situations  
Proven ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a team  
Excellent time management, decision making, and verbal/written communication skills

Language Skills

Turkish (native tongue), English (fluent), Arabic (fair)

Computer Skills

Statistical software (SAS, STATA, LIMDEP), GIS Software (ArcGIS), Microsoft Office Applications, Adobe GoLive

Scholarships

Nauman Scholarship, University of Maine, Orono, 2002-2003  
Turk Egitim Vakfi (Turkish Education Association) Scholarship, Turkey, 1997-2002  
Honor Student, METU, Turkey, 1997-2002

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

**Atasoy, Sibel**, "The Economic Impact and Importance of Microbusinesses to the New England Economy", M.S. Thesis, Department of Resource Economics and Policy, University of Maine, Orono, 2004.

**Atasoy, Sibel**, James C. McConnon and Todd Gabe, "The Economic Impact and Importance of Microbusinesses to the New England Economy", Selected Paper presented at the Annual Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Meetings, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, June 2004.

McConnon James C., **Sibel Atasoy** and Todd Gabe, "Microbusiness is Big Business in New England", Selected Paper presented at "What Works! Rural Entrepreneurship & Community Development in the Northeast", University of Vermont Extension, Burlington, Vermont, September 2005.

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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