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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh</b> <i>Concentration:</i> Comparative politics, American politics <i>Thesis supervisor:</i> B. Guy Peters <i>Thesis title:</i> A voice without a veto: consensus-building through inclusion of stakeholders.	<i>Dec 2020</i>
<b>Graduate School of Public Administration and International Affairs</b> <b>University of Pittsburgh</b> Classes in policy analysis, environmental economics, public administration, microeconomics and macroeconomics. Transferred to the Political Science Ph.D. program before graduating.	<i>Fall 2011-Spring 2012</i>
<b>Master of Economics, University of Bergen, Norway</b> <i>Thesis title:</i> Differential information economies and incomplete markets.	<i>May 2008</i>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Commissioned research</b> The Scottish Parliament Conducted three case studies on public inquiries in Norway and Sweden; produced a report describing their regulatory framework and use in 1990-2024.	<i>August 2025-Oct 2025</i>
<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> Syracuse University, Martin J. Whitman School of Management Conducted research on Covid-19 scientific advisory committees and public inquiries.	<i>January 2023-December 2025</i>
<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate in Experimental Political Economy</b> University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science	<i>March 2022-January 2023</i>
<b>Instructor/Teaching assistant,</b> University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science Media and Politics (Instructor), Research Methods (TA), Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA), Introduction to American Politics (TA).	<i>Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017</i>
<b>Summer Intern/Research assistant, University of Pittsburgh</b> University Center of Urban and Social Research (UCSUR) Collected demographic and University related statistics; researched methods used in conducting economic and social impact studies; drafted the initial version of the annual economic and social impact study.	<i>Summer 2012</i>

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research focuses on the political economy and politics of expert advice in multiple institutional contexts: legislative, judicial and crisis policymaking. In addition, I am working on formal models and lab experiments on ranked-choice voting, campaign finance and bundled elections, as well as topics related to public inquiries. I use various research methods including game theory, statistical models, comparative case studies, and laboratory and survey experiments.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Koppl, R., Pronin, K., Cowen, N., Podemska-Mikluch, M. and Paniagua Prie, P. 2025. Bespoke science: The use of ad hoc scientific advisory committees in the Covid-19 pandemic. *Public Choice*.

Bardosh, K., Lacour, M., Pronin, K., Correa Astea, N., and Koppl, R. 2025. How many democratic countries have conducted Covid-19 public inquiries? An exploratory study of government-led post-pandemic reviews (2020-2024). *British Medical Journal - Public Health*.

Christensen, J., Pronin, K., Hesstvdt, S., Holst, C., Christiansen, P.M. & Holli, K. 2025 Experts in governance: a comparative analysis of the Nordic countries. *Policy & Politics*.

Woon, J., Jang, M., Pronin, K. & J. Schiller. 2023. Discussion and fairness in a laboratory voting experiment. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, August 1-13

Pronin, K. 2023. Commissions of inquiry in the Nordic countries. In *New directions in royal commissions and public inquiries: Do we need them?* Scott Prasser (ed.), Connor Court.

Pronin, K. & Woon, J. 2022. Does allowing private communication lead to less prosocial collective choice? *Social Choice and Welfare*. 60, 625–645

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. 2021. No more political compromise? Swedish commissions of inquiry 1990-2018. *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 44(4) 416-440.

Bonneau, C. W. Kelly, J.T., Pronin, K., Redman, S. M. & Zarit, M. 2016. Evaluating the effects of multiple opinion rationales on Supreme Court legitimacy. *American Politics Research*, 45(3) 335-365.

Lunawat, R., Stecher, J., Pronin, K., & Dickhaut, John W. 2011. Decision making and trade without probabilities. *Economic Theory*, 48(2-3) 275-288.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Pronin, K. & Koppl, R. Bias in expert advice in novel policy settings.

Johnston, J., Pronin, K. & Koppl, R. Judicial deference to expert but interested agencies: Theory and experimental evidence.

Pronin, K. Valence competition and political compromise: evidence from policy advisory commissions.

Pronin, K. Bundled elections: A lab experiment.

Pronin, K. Wasted votes, wasted money.

Christensen, J. & Pronin, K. Academics on government-appointed commissions: figureheads or knowledge champions?

Hesstvdt, S., Christiansen, P.M., Lundberg, E., & Pronin, K. Still the century of corporatism? A policy area perspective.

## NONACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Pronin, Kira. 2025 (October). Report on public inquiries in Sweden and Norway. *The Scottish Parliament*. An overview of Swedish and Norwegian investigative commissions of inquiry in 1990-2024 and their regulatory framework. Includes three case studies of recent investigative inquiries.

Pronin, Kira. 2025 (July). Covid-19 public inquiries: policy learning or politisation? *Australian Outlook*.

Pronin, Kira. 2023. Sweden's NATO Accession Threatened by Quran Burning. *Australian Outlook*.

Pronin, Kira. 2022. Dramatic gains for the right-populist Sweden Democrats Party in the 2022 elections. *Australian Outlook*.

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. 2019. The Swedish commissions of inquiry, 1990–201. Centre for Business and Policy Studies (SNS), Research Brief 59.

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. Oct 15 2019. Sverige bör bättra för politiska uppgörelser. (Sweden should do a better job laying groundwork for political agreement). *Svenska Dagbladet*.

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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**Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET), Ischia, Italy** *July 2025*  
Koppl, R., Pronin, K. Bias in expert advice in novel policy settings.

**Southern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL** *June 2025*  
Johnston, J., Pronin, K. & Koppl, R. Judicial deference to expert but interested agencies: Theory and experimental evidence.

**Southern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL** *Jan 2024*  
Koppl, R., Pronin, K., Cowen, N., Podemska-Mikluch, M. and Paniagua  
Prie, P. Bespoke science: The use of ad hoc scientific advisory committees in the Covid-19 pandemic.

**American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA** *Sep 2021*  
Pronin, K. Including a broad range of stakeholders on advisory commissions builds consensus.  
Pronin, K. & Woon, J. Public deliberation, private communication, and collective choice.

**EITM 2019 Summer School, University of Houston, TX** *June 2019*  
Pronin, K. Information and dissent in advisory commissions.

**Social Dilemmas, University of Massachusetts Amherst** *June 2017*  
Pronin, K. & Woon, J. Public deliberation, private communication, and collective choice.

**Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL** *Apr 2017*  
Pronin, K., Craig, S. & Bonneau, C.W. Criminal courts, screening of defendants and the right to appeal.

**American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA** *Aug 2015*  
Bonneau, C.W., Jarrod K., Pronin, K., Redman, S.M. & Zarit, M. Evaluating the effects of multiple opinion rationales on Supreme Court legitimacy.

**Southern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL** *Winter 2015*  
Bonneau, C.W., Jarrod K., Pronin, K., Redman, S. M. & Zarit, M. Evaluating the effects of multiple opinion rationales on Supreme Court legitimacy.

**Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL** *April 2014*  
Pronin, K. & Bonneau, C.W. Judicial elections and the illusion of pandering.

## FELLOWSHIPS

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EITM Summer Training Institute (NSF), 2019  
American Scandinavian Foundation fellowship, 2017 (\$13,000)  
European Studies Center Klinzing Grant, 2017 (\$6,000)  
B. Guy Peters Award for Graduate Research in European Politics, 2016 (\$2,000)

## SERVICE

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Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *American Politics Research*, *Party Politics*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Policy Studies Journal*

Admissions assistant, *Ukrainian Global University*. Reviewed college applications by Ukrainian students, conducted interviews.

## OTHER TRAINING

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EITM Summer Training Institute 2019, Hobby School of Public Policy, University of Houston, TX.

## SKILLS

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**Methods:** Game theory, experimental/survey design, mixed methods, case studies, EITM, maximum likelihood, panel/multilevel models, topic modeling

**Programming:** Stata, Python, R, z-Tree

**Languages:** Finnish (native), Swedish, Norwegian, German, Russian