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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Dec 2020

Concentration: Comparative politics, American politics

Thesis supervisor: B. Guy Peters

Graduate School of Public Administration and International Affairs

Fall 2011-Spring 2012

University of Pittsburgh Classes in policy analysis, environmental economics, public administration, microeconomics and macroeconomics. Transferred to the Political Science Ph.D. program before graduating.

Master of Economics, University of Bergen, Norway

May 2008

Thesis title: Differential information economies and incomplete markets.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Commissioned research

August 2025-Oct 2025

The Scottish Parliament

Produced a report describing the regulatory framework and use of public inquiries in Norway and Sweden in 1990-2024, including three case studies.

Postdoctoral Researcher

January 2023-December 2025

Syracuse University, Martin J. Whitman School of Management

Formal affiliation continues through Spring 2026. Conducted research on Covid-19 scientific advisory committees and public inquiries.

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Experimental Political Economy

March 2022-January 2023

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science

Instructor/Teaching assistant,

Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science

Media and Politics (Instructor), Research Methods (TA), Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA), Introduction to American Politics (TA).

Summer Intern/Research assistant, University of Pittsburgh

Summer 2012

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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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*. Winner of the 2025 Duncan Black Prize by the Public Choice Society.

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., Hesstvedt, 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

Political economy and politics of expertise

Lacour, M. Pronin, K. & Koppl, R. The incentive to catastrophize: expert testimony and knowledge in parliaments.

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

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

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

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

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

Elections and campaign finance

Pronin, K. Bundled elections: A lab experiment.

Pronin, K. Wasted votes, wasted money.

Pronin, K. & Bonneau, C. War chests and campaign finance regulations in staggered and multimember elections.

NONACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

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, 1990–2021. Centre for Business and Policy Studies (SNS), Research Brief 59.

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Duncan Black Prize for the best paper by a senior scholar. The Public Choice Society, 2025

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)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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.

SERVICE

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

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

OTHER TRAINING

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

SKILLS

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