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UNIVERSITY :

Department of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh
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EDUCATION :

- 2020** **Ph.D. in Political Science** (Comparative Politics, American Politics)
University of Pittsburgh
Supervised by Professor B. Guy Peters
Defended: November 24, 2020
Thesis title: A Voice without a Veto: Consensus-building through Inclusion of Stakeholders
- 2008** **Master of Economics**
University of Bergen
Thesis title: *Differential Information Economies and Incomplete Markets.*

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS :

My research focuses on institutions that aim to build policy consensus among stakeholders and others with differing knowledge, interests, and values, especially in the Scandinavian context. I primarily study institutions that have no formal or informal decision-making authority, but provide informed recommendations to policymakers. In my published research, I use various methods including game theory, statistical models, and lab and survey experiments. I am trained in policy analysis and various statistical methods including OLS, panel/time series, maximum likelihood, and nonparametric statistics, and have extensive work experience in information technology.

WORK EXPERIENCE :

Teaching assistant/instructor. University of Pittsburgh. Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017.

- Taught the following courses: Research Methods (TA), Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA), Introduction to American Politics (TA), Media and Politics (instructor).

Research Assistant. University of Pittsburgh. Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

- Collected and analyzed various types of political science data using statistical methods (Stata).

Summer Intern/Research assistant. University Center of Urban and Social Research (UCSUR). University of Pittsburgh, 06/2012-08/2012.

- 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.

Voice/Data Engineer. eFunds. St. Paul, MN. 11/2003-06/2005.

- Administered and troubleshoot telephone and voicemail systems at multiple sites; installed cabling, managed call center vectoring and video conferencing systems. Automated call center reporting using Unix shell scripting

Field Engineer. Nortel Networks, Minneapolis, MN. 9/2000 – 5/2002.

- Installed and maintained Nortel/Periphonics Interactive Voice Response and speech recognition systems at client locations in MN, ND and WI.

Systems Administrator. Ulysses netSolutions, Minneapolis, MN. 12/1999 – 8/2000.

- Administered Sun Solaris and Windows servers including backup, DHCP, DNS and file/print servers.
- Successfully managed new phone system installation (Lucent Definity) under extreme time pressure (2 weeks).
- Installed voice/data cabling and network equipment including routers and switches. Documented cabling and network infrastructure.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS :

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. "No more political compromise? Swedish Commissions of Inquiry 1990-2018." (Scandinavian Political Studies, forthcoming)

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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS :

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. (2019). "The Swedish Commissions of Inquiry 1990–2016" SNS (Centre for Business and Policy Studies) Research Brief 59.

Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. (2019/10/15). "Sverige bör bädda bättre för politiska uppgörelser" ("Sweden should do a better job laying groundwork for political agreement". *Svenska Dagbladet*.

WORKING PAPERS :

Woon, J., Ilin, D., Jang, M., Pronin, K. & Jacob Schiller. "Discussion and the Fairness of Majority Rule." (Under review)

Pronin, K. & Woon, J. "Does allowing private communication lead to less prosocial collective choice?" (Under review)

Pronin, Kira. "Advisory commissions build consensus from ideological diversity." SSRN. 2020.

Lunawat, R., Pronin, K., Stecher, J. & Zhang, G. "Model-based Fair Values Make Markets Illiquid."

Pronin, K. & Bonneau, C.W. "Criminal Courts, Screening of Defendants, and Cost of Appeals."

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. 2021. Pronin, K. & Woon, J. "Does Allowing Private Communication Lead to Less Prosocial Collective Choice?"; Pronin, Kira, "Advisory Commissions Build Consensus from Ideological Diversity."

EITM 2019 Summer School, University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs. 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. April 2017. Pronin, K., Craig, S. & Bonneau, C.W. "Criminal Courts, Screening of Defendants and the Right to Appeal."

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2015. Bonneau, C.W., Cann, D. & Pronin, K. "Institutions, War Chests, and Candidate Deterrence."

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. August 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:

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)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Undergraduate classes taught: Research Methods (TA), Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA), Introduction to American Politics (TA), Media and Politics.

SERVICE:

Reviewer, Political Science Research and Methods, American Politics Research

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

English (bilingual), Finnish (native), Swedish (advanced), Norwegian (intermediate), German (intermediate), Russian (intermediate)