

# Kira Pronin Ph.D.

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## UNIVERSITY:

Department of Political Science  
University of Pittsburgh  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15260

## EDUCATION:

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- 2021**      **Ph.D. in Political Science** (Comparative Politics, American Politics)  
University of Pittsburgh  
Supervised by Professor B. Guy Peters  
**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:

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My research focuses on institutions which build policy consensus among stakeholders and others with differing knowledge, interests, and values, especially in the Scandinavian context. In particular, I focus on 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:

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

- 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.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS :

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Dahlström, C., Lundberg, E. & Pronin, K. "No more political compromise? Swedish Commissions of Inquiry 1990-2018." (Scandinavian Political Studies, May 2021)

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 :

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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 :

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Christensen, J., Christiansen, P., Hesstvedt, S., Holli, A.M., Holst, C. & Pronin, K. "Nordic comparison: The changing participation of experts on advisory commissions."

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

Pronin, K. & Woon, J. "Does allowing private communication lead to less prosocial collective choice?" (R&R, Social Choice and Welfare)

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 :

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**American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. 2021.** Pronin, Kira, "Including a broad range of stakeholders on advisory commissions builds consensus."

**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."

#### **F E L L O W S H I P S :**

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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)

#### **T E A C H I N G   E X P E R I E N C E :**

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

#### **S E R V I C E :**

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Reviewer, Political Science Research and Methods, American Politics Research

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## **LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

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