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## Research Interests

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Political Theory, Democratic Theory, Canadian Politics, Deliberative Democracy, Intergenerational Relations, Public Policy, Political Institutions, Public Engagement, Research Methodology

## Current Position

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2015 - present Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, PA, USA

## Previous Positions

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2013 - 2015 Democracy Fellow  
Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation,  
Harvard Kennedy School,  
Cambridge, MA, USA

2006 - 2007 Policy Analyst  
Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform,  
Government of Ontario,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## Education

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2007 - 13 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science  
Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Dissertation: Future Publics: Long-Term Thinking and Farsighted Action in Democratic Systems

Fields: Canadian Politics; Political Theory

Committee: Mark E. Warren (supervisor), Alan M. Jacobs, Fred Cutler, André Bächtiger (external)

2004 - 06 Master of Arts, Political Science and Social Statistics  
Department of Political Science, McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

Thesis: Measuring Political Knowledge

Committee: Elisabeth Gidengil, Stuart N. Soroka

1997 - 04 Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Politics  
Politics Department, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

## Publications

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### Books:

MacKenzie, M. K. (2021). *Future Publics: Democracy, Deliberation, and Future-Regarding Collective Action*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### Articles and Book Chapters:

- Fournier-Tombs, E. & MacKenzie, M. K. (2021). 'Big Data and Democratic Speech: Predicting Deliberative Quality using Machine Learning Techniques.' *Methodological Innovations*.
- MacKenzie, M. K., & Caluwaerts, D. (2021). 'Paying for the Future: Deliberation and Support for Climate Action Policies.' *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*. 23(3): 317-331.
- MacKenzie, M. K. (2021). 'There is No Such Thing as a Short-Term Issue.' *Futures* 125, 102652.
- Moore, A., & MacKenzie, M.K. (2020). 'Policymaking During Crises: How Diversity and Disagreement Can Help Manage the Politics of Expert Advice.' *The British Medical Journal*. 371(m4039).
- MacKenzie, M. K. (2020). 'Democratic Philanthropy.' *Contemporary Political Theory*. Online First.
- MacKenzie, M. K., & Moore, A. (2020). 'Democratic Non-Participation.' *Polity* 52(3): 430–459. (Winner of the 2020 Polity Prize and the 2017 Best Paper Award at the Pennsylvania Political Science Association Annual Conference.)
- Loewen, P., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2019). 'Service Representation in a Federal System: A Field Experiment.' *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 6(2): 93-107.
- MacKenzie, M. K. (2018). 'Deliberation and Long-Term Decisions: Representing Future Generations' In A. Bächtiger, J. Dryzek, J. Mansbridge, & M. E. Warren (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Deliberative Democracy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- MacKenzie, M. K. (2016a). 'Institutional Design and Sources of Short-Termism.' In A. Gosseries & I. González-Ricoy (Eds.), *Political Institutions for Future Generations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- MacKenzie, M. K. (2016b). 'A Randomly Selected Second Chamber.' In A. Gosseries & I. González-Ricoy (Eds.), *Political Institutions for Future Generations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Runacres, I., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2015). 'Classical Allusion in Political Cartoons.' In G. Kovacs & C.W. Marshall (Eds.), *Son of Classics and Comics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Thomas, P. E. J., Loewen, P. J., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2013). 'Fair Isn't Always Equal: Constituency Population and the Quality of Representation in Canada.' *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 46 (2), 273-293.
- O'Doherty, K., MacKenzie, M. K., Badulescu, D., & Burgess, M. M. (2013). 'Explosives, Genomics, and the Environment: Conducting Public Deliberation on Topics of Complex Science and Social Controversy.' *Sage Open*, 3, 1-16.
- MacKenzie, M. K., & Warren, M. E. (2012). 'Two Trust-Based Uses of Minipublics in Democratic Systems.' In J. Parkinson & J. Mansbridge (Eds.), *Deliberative Systems: Deliberative Democracy at the Large Scale*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- MacKenzie, M. K., & O'Doherty, K. (2011). 'Deliberating Future Issues: Minipublics and Salmon Genomics.' *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 7 (1), Article 5 pp. 1-27.
- Silver, J., Keeper, C., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2006). 'A Very Hostile System in Which to Live: Aboriginal Electoral Participation in Winnipeg's Inner City.' In J. Silver (Ed.), *In Their Own Voices: Building Urban Aboriginal Communities*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, pp. 96-132.

## Work in Progress

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### Books:

Moore, A., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2022). *Democracy as Play*. In preparation.

MacKenzie, M. K., Setälä, M., & Kyllönen, S. (eds.) (2022). *Democracy and the Future*.  
Under review at Edinburgh University Press.

### Articles:

MacKenzie, M. K., & Fournier-Tombs, E. (2022). 'A Demagoguery Index' *Working Paper*.

MacKenzie, M. K., Fournier-Tombs, E., & McCoy, D. (2022). 'Comparing Consensus and Party-Based Systems: Deliberative Quality in Canada's Northern Legislatures.'

MacKenzie, M. K., McCoy, D., & Fournier-Tombs, E. (2021). 'Discourse Quality Index 2.0.' R&R.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2021) 'House of Competence: John Stuart Mill and the Canadian Senate.' *Working Paper*.

## Invited Talks

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MacKenzie, M. K. (2021). 'Keynote Presentation.' Revitalizing Democracy: Sortition, Citizen Power, and the Spaces of Freedom.' 13th Annual Arendt Center Conference, Bard College, 14-15 October 2021.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2018). *Future Publics*. 'Beyond Theories of Intergenerational Justice: The Politics of Intergenerational Relations.' Book chapter presented at the *PALO Workshop on Intergenerational Justice and Democracy*, University of Tampere, Tampere Finland, 5-6 September 2018.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2018). *Future Publics*. 'Chapter 4. Acting Through Time: Collective Action Among Non-Overlapping Generations' Book chapter presented at the *Democratic Institutions and Future Generations* workshop, University of Westminster, London, UK, 10 May 2018.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2018). *Future Publics*. 'Chapter 1: Introduction.' Book chapter presented at the *Participation in Long-Term Decision-Making (PALO) Opening Conference*, University of Turku, Turku, Finland, 15-16 February 2018.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2017). *Future Publics*. 'Chapter 2: Democratic Responses to the "Democratic" Myopia Problem.' Book chapter presented at the *Democracy and Future Generations Workshop*, Anxieties of Democracy Programme, Institute of Future Studies, Stockholm, Sweden, 7-8 December 2017.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2017). *Future Publics*. 'Chapter 2: Democratic Responses to the "Democratic" Myopia Problem.' Book chapter presented at the *Democracy and Climate Change* workshop, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, 19-21 October 2017.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2017). 'Ourselves in Time: Humility, Deliberation, and Future Others.' Paper presented at the *Ohio State Political Theory Workshop*. Columbus, Ohio, USA, 27 January 2017.

MacKenzie, M. K. (2016). 'Ourselves in Time: Humility, Deliberation, and Future Others' Paper presented at the *Intellectual Humility and Public Deliberation* workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA, 11-13 November 2016.

## Conference Papers

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MacKenzie, M. K. (2020). 'Future-Regarding Democratic Leadership.' *Democratic Institutions for Long-Term Governance* workshop, online, November 5, 2020.

Fournier-Tombs, E. & MacKenzie, M. K. (2019). 'Measuring Deliberative Quality using Machine Learning Techniques.' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, August 27 – September 1, 2019.

MacKenzie, M. K. & Fournier-Tombs, E. (2019). 'Comparing Consensus and Party-Based Systems: Deliberative Quality in Canada's Northern Legislatures.' Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 1-7, 2019.

- Mackenzie, M. K. (2018) 'Democratic Philanthropy.' Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, USA, April 5, 2018.
- Mackenzie, M. K. & Moore, A. (2017). 'Good Ways of Being Passive' Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. Robert Morris University, PA, USA, March 31-April 1. (Winner of the Inaugural "Best Faculty Paper Award.") This paper has been renamed 'Democratic Non-Participation.'
- Caluwaerts, D. & MacKenzie, M. K. (2016). 'The Personality Basis of Environmental Policy Preferences.' American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA, USA, September 1-4, 2016.
- Mackenzie, M. K., & Caluwaerts, D. (2015). 'Deliberation and Long-Term Thinking on Climate Change Policy.' Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference. University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Mackenzie, M. K. (2014). 'Institutional Design and Sources of Short-Termism.' European Consortium for Political Research. University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK.
- Mackenzie, M. K. (2013). 'House of Competence: John Stuart Mill and the Canadian Senate.' Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference. University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada.
- Mackenzie, M. K., & Loewen, P. J. (2011). 'Talking Guns: A Field Experiment in Communicative Accountability and the Long-Gun Registry.' Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference. Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, Canada.
- Mackenzie, M. K. (2010). 'Future Publics: Democracy, Deliberation, and Long-Term Decision-Making.' American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, United States.
- Mackenzie, M. K., & Warren, M. E. (2010). 'Two Trust-Based Uses of Minipublics in Democratic Systems.' European Community Studies Association – Canada, 8th Biennial Conference. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
- Mackenzie, M. K., & Runacres, I. (2009). 'Classical Allusion in British Political Cartoons.' Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Johns, M., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2008). 'Conflict at the Polls: Examining the Relationship Between Electoral System Design and Ethnic Conflict.' Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Conference. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Rose, J., MacKenzie, M. K., & Lyons, M. (2007). 'Teaching, Touring and Talking: The Story of the Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.' Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Conference. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Boucher, J., & MacKenzie, M. K. (2004). 'Manufacturing Consent? New Media and the Propaganda Model.' Global New Media and Technological Cultures Conference. Prague, Czech Republic.

## Policy Reports

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- O'Doherty, K., MacKenzie, M. K., Badulescu, D., & Burgess, M. M. (2011). Explosives, Genomics, and the Environment: A Public Deliberation. Genome British Columbia: Applied Genomics Innovation Program.
- Mackenzie, M. K., Sheldrick, B., & Silver, J. (2005). State Policies to Enhance the New Economy: A Comparative Analysis. Winnipeg, MB: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
- Loewen, G., Silver, J., August, M., Bruning, P., MacKenzie, M. K., & Meyerson, S. (2005). Moving Low Income People in Winnipeg's Inner City Into Good Jobs: Evidence on What Works Best. Winnipeg, MB: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
- Mackenzie, M. K., & Snyder, J. (2001). The Minimum Wage and a "Tipping Wage" A Report on a Survey of People Who Work at or Near the Minimum Wage in Manitoba. Winnipeg, MB: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
- Mackenzie, M. K. (2000). Roads of Blight: Solutions to the Automobile Burden. Winnipeg, MB: Institute of Urban Studies.

## Teaching and Mentoring

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- Current:** Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- Courses:** Democratic Theory and Democratization (PS2607, Graduate)  
Marxism (PS1612 Undergraduate)  
Democratic Theory (PS1619 Undergraduate)  
Democratic Theory – Analysis (PS1692 Undergraduate)  
Anti-Democratic Thought (PS1681 Capstone Seminar)  
Introduction to Political Theory (PS 0600 Undergraduate)  
Core Political Theory (PS 2040 Graduate)
- Graduate Students:** Kira Pronin, PhD, defended November 2020 (Committee Member)  
David McCoy, PhD candidate, expected April 2022 (Committee Member)  
Michelle Wier, PhD candidate, expected April 2022 (Committee Member)  
Deyu Zhou, PhD candidate, expected April 2022 (Committee Member)
- 2013 - 14** Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia  
**Courses:** Democratic Theory (POLI 346, Summer 2014)  
Democratic Theory (POLI 326, Spring 2013)
- 2007 - 2012** Facilitator, MASS:LBP - <http://www.masslbp.com>
- 2007 - 13** Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia  
**Courses:** Introduction to Canadian Politics (Winter 2013)  
Introduction to Canadian Politics (Winter 2012)  
Introduction to Canadian Politics (Fall 2012)  
Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2011)  
Quantitative Research Methods (Fall 2007)
- 2010 - 11** Facilitator, Face-to-Face Research Group - <http://www.rdxtalk.org>  
Centre for Applied Ethics, University of British Columbia
- 2006 - 07** Facilitator, Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform
- 2005 - 06** Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, McGill University  
**Courses:** Politics of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canada (Winter 2006)  
Politics of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canada (Winter 2005)  
Media and Politics (Fall 2005)
- 2002 - 03** Teaching Assistant, Politics Department, University of Winnipeg  
**Courses:** Issues in City Politics (Winter 2002)  
City Politics (Fall 2002)

## Academic Service

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- Editorial Board:** Intergenerational Justice Review
- Reviewer:** American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Medical Journal (BMJ); Canadian Journal of Political Science; Contemporary Political Theory; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; International Political Science Review; Journal of Public Deliberation; Journal of Politics; Lexington Books; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Parliamentary Affairs; Perspectives on Politics; Political Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Polity; Representation; Science; Sustainability; Theory & Psychology.

## Research Grants

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2018-2022	Agency:	Government of Finland
	Project:	PALO: Participation and Long-Term Decision Making
	Amount:	4.5 million Euro
	PI:	Maija Setälä
	Role:	Research Associate
	Status:	Awarded
2011-2013	Agency:	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — Canada (SSHRC)
	Project:	Participedia
	Amount:	200,000 CAD
	PI:	Mark E. Warren
	Role:	Research Associate
	Status:	Awarded

## Scholarships and Awards

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2021	Polity Prize for “Democratic Non-Participation” Best research article published in <i>Polity</i> in 2020.
2021	Graduate Teaching Award (Nominated)
2017	Best Faculty Paper Award For “Good Ways of Being Passive” from the Pennsylvania Political Science Association Annual Conference. Robert Morris University, PA, USA, March 31-April 1.
2013 - 15	Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$40,000/year + \$5000 research budget), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — Canada (SSHRC)
2008 - 11	Canada Graduate Scholarship: Doctoral Fellowship (\$35,000/year), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — Canada (SSHRC)
2008	Four-Year Fellowship - Doctoral (accepted in name) University of British Columbia
2007	Special Graduate Scholarship University of British Columbia
2004 - 05	Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters Fellowship (\$17,000), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — Canada (SSHRC)
2003	Carl Ridd Scholarship, University of Winnipeg
2000 - 03	Academic Proficiency Scholarships, University of Winnipeg
2000	Student Paper Award, Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg