

McClure Center Spring 2019 Newsletter

Greetings,

The winter months at the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research were rich with activity, particularly with respect to undergraduate student programs. We are thrilled to share highlights with you, which showcase the McClure Center's collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to addressing today's complex challenges and sustaining Senator McClure's remarkable legacy.

Student Engagement

JAMM-McClure Legislative Internship



In January, the McClure Center welcomed 2019 Legislative Intern, University of Idaho senior Cheyenna McCurry. Through a partnership with the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media, the McClure Center hosts Legislative Interns in Boise as they cover the Idaho legislative session for Idaho Public Radio (Moscow) and many newspapers across the state, including the Aberdeen Times, Bonner County Daily Bee, Idaho County Free Press, Owyhee Avalanche and Power

County Press. Cheyenna has written over 100 articles and posted at least 50 radio stories during the past three months.

McClure Legislative Research Internship



Drew Gonzales



Jacob Lockhart

The McClure Center and University of Idaho Department of Politics and Philosophy are delighted to announce the new McClure Legislative Research (MLR) Internship, launched just in time for the 2019 Idaho legislative session. University of Idaho sophomore Drew Gonzales and junior Jacob Lockhart conducted research on issues discussed during the session. They worked with Senator Jeff Agenbrood, vice chair of the Commerce and Human Resources Committee, and Representative Caroline Nilsson Troy, vice chair of the Agricultural Affairs Committee, studying Medicaid expansion and rural hospitals.

Martin-McClure Ambassadors

Next month, the McClure Center will welcome the 2019 Martin-McClure Ambassadors, Olive Swan and Maggie Thornsberry, University of Idaho seniors. In partnership with the University of Idaho Martin Institute, the McClure Center hosts Martin-McClure Ambassadors in Boise, helping students integrate international experiences and public policy. Previous Ambassadors have researched geographic indicators, health care and refugees in Idaho, medical workers abroad and refugee community gardens and economic development, resulting in "Idaho at a Glance: Refugees in Idaho" (2016) and "Idaho at a Glance: Health Care and Refugees" (2014), among other products.

Outreach

Bringing History to Life: Creating the U.S. Constitution

In February, the McClure Center and University of Idaho College of



Law hosted a special forum in the Idaho State Capitol Lincoln Auditorium. Dr. David Moss, distinguished professor at the Harvard Business School and author of the acclaimed book "Democracy: A Case Study," recreated the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

Dr. Moss helped the audience — including students, teachers, business and education leaders, Idaho legislators, Idaho Supreme Court justices, the Governor and First Lady and the public — address the fundamental questions facing the United States at that time: How do we bring the nation together? How do we empower the majority while preserving the rights of the minority? How do we distribute power between the federal government and the states? By stepping into the shoes of national leaders, facing the decisions they faced, the audience saw both the past and the present in a new light.

Idaho high school teachers participating in Harvard's Case Method Project, and their students, participated in several parts of Dr. Moss' visit to Idaho. A summary of Dr. Moss' visit and special forum will be available this spring on the McClure Center website, thanks to Idaho Public Television.

Policy Pub

In 2018, the McClure Center launched a new speaker series designed to engage Idahoans in learning about current policy, engaging in conversation with decision makers and understanding more about topics important to Idaho and the region, nation and world.

Policy Pub: The Future of Food



On April 11, Policy Pub takes to the road, and heads east to Ketchum.

The McClure Center will partner with Sun Valley Institute to present Policy Pub: The Future of Food.

Discussion panelists are Fred Brossy, farmer and owner, Ernie's

Organics; Mark Davidson, director of conservation initiatives, The Nature Conservancy; Lauren Golden, associate professor and Blaine County Extension educator, University of Idaho Extension and Amy

Mattias, co-director, Local Food Alliance, Sun Valley Institute and board member, Blaine County Food Council. [Learn more and RSVP.](#)

Policy Pub: Foreign Policy and Idaho



Policy Pub: Foreign Policy and Idaho, held Jan. 16 in Boise, featured Steven Feldstein, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State, now Frank and Bethine Church Chair at Boise State University; Celia Gould, Director, Idaho Department of Agriculture and Mary Hasenoehrl, Commissioner, Idaho Potato Commission

Research

"Idaho at a Glance: Hispanics – An Overview" (2019)

At the request of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the McClure Center added a third publication to the Idaho at a Glance series that provides an overview of Hispanics in Idaho. The series on Hispanics is designed to help decision makers, business owners, local community members and the public:

- Learn about Idaho's Hispanic population,
- Explore current data that visualizes Hispanic growth in Idaho,
- Learn about Hispanic voting participation and civic engagement, and
- Discover changes in demographics and selected economic indicators for Idaho Hispanics.

Download the Report:

[Idaho at a Glance: Hispanics — An Overview \(2019\)](#)

Owyhee Initiative

The McClure Center is partnering with the Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors to conduct an assessment of the Owyhee Initiative. The Owyhee Initiative is a consensus agreement reached by local, regional and national stakeholders to promote the ecological and economic health in Owyhee County, located in southwest Idaho. The agreement

is the result of collaboration among local ranchers, county representatives, conservationists, outfitters, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe and others to address longstanding disagreement about managing public lands. Now celebrating ten years, the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act, introduced by U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, R-Idaho in 2009, provides the legal vehicle for implementing and enforcing the agreement.

Thank you for your continued support of the McClure Center for Public Policy Research. Your financial support is appreciated, and makes a significant, lasting impact.

As you may be aware, the McClure Center has launched an ambitious \$3 million capital campaign. A new giving opportunity is available in support of the Tod Neuenschwander Communications Endowment, and \$5,000 in matching funds generously have been provided. This endowment is a living memorial to Senator McClure's long-serving chief of staff and accomplished journalist. In Tod's name, a scholarship will be awarded to a University of Idaho undergraduate student who is eager to combine journalism experience with public policy and public policy research.

To donate, [visit the McClure Center's website](#) or talk with Director Katherine Himes, 208-364-4549.

Warmest regards,
The James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research

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