

MCCLURE CENTER

END OF YEAR 2019 LETTER



University of Idaho

McClure Center for
Public Policy Research

Dear Friends of the McClure Center,

Thanks to your support, 2019 has been a banner year for the University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. We are thrilled to share a few highlights:

Conducting nonpartisan research:

The McClure Center's ***Idaho at a Glance* policy briefs and research reports** supported governments, businesses and other organizations, including the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Idaho State Department of Education, Regional Economic Development for Eastern Idaho (REDI), and Owyhee Initiative.

Informing public dialogue and policy:

The McClure Center is co-facilitating **Governor Little's Salmon Workgroup**, which brings together diverse stakeholders to develop shared, consensus-based policy recommendations on salmon and steelhead recovery and abundance. The McClure Center also held **four public events**, including three Policy Pubs and the democracy forum **"Bringing History to Life"** with Dr. David Moss in the Idaho State Capitol.

Engaging students in learning about public policy making:

Six undergraduates and one law student spent full semesters with the McClure Center, four students traveled to Washington, D.C., and six students attended major conferences across the country.

The McClure Center is proud to celebrate these highlights and 12 years of sustaining the values that U.S. Senator Jim McClure and Louise espoused: attention to detail and tireless exploration of public policy implications, thoughtful pursuit and promotion of bipartisan collaboration for enactment and execution of sound public policy, and evidence and research as the basis to inform public policy decisions.

We invite you to visit us at the McClure Center to experience these values and the McClure legacy. Nearly two years ago, the McClure Gallery opened, showcasing the McClures through images and stories. Each exhibit is connected to a special event designed to engage Idahoans in these remarkable legacies.

Our current exhibit features Louise McClure's leadership and dedication to public service. Louise served on the National Council on the Arts and encouraged the Smithsonian Institution to feature



Barbara Bush, Louise McClure, and First Lady Lady Bird Johnson



U.S. Senator Jim McClure with his electric powered campaign van

Idaho artists in a special exhibit, “Sawtooths and Other Ranges of Imagination” (held 1983-84). In May 2019, the McClure Center partnered with the Boise Art Museum, Idaho Commission on the Arts, and University of Idaho College of Art and Architecture for a special event, which reunited and celebrated those Idaho artists.

Soon our new exhibit will open, featuring Senator Jim McClure and his leadership in energy policy and championship of energy research. He served as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (1981-87). This exhibit coincides with the 70th anniversary of Idaho National Laboratory, 10th anniversary of the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) and the McClure Center’s research on energy, energy policy, and energy economics.

In January 2020, we will welcome seven students (a record number!) to learn about public policy making. Two students will report on the Idaho legislature as full members of the Idaho Press Corps through the School of Journalism and Mass Media (JAMM)-McClure Legislative Internship. Also through the JAMM-McClure Legislative Internship, a third student will work with Idaho Public Television as part of the Idaho Reports team. Three students will conduct nonpartisan research for the Idaho legislature as McClure Legislative Scholars. One student will connect policy and law through a legal externship.

We are on the move with our \$3 million capital campaign. Because of your support, the McClure Center has been able

to relaunch policy forums, expand student offerings, and add new staff.

But we still need your help to reach our \$3 million goal. Your donation ensures that the McClure Center continues to serve as a shining beacon of public policy research at the University of Idaho. Your contribution secures Senator McClure’s lasting legacy of working across the aisle. Your gift champions the McClure approach to problem solving and decision making. Please, give today.

Warmest wishes for the holiday season,

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Katherine Himes, Ph.D.

Director, James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research

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Based in Boise, the University of Idaho’s James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research conducts nonpartisan public policy research, informs public dialogue and policy and engages students in learning about public policymaking. The Center’s approach to addressing society’s complex issues sustains Senator McClure’s legacy of thoughtfully pursuing bipartisan collaboration and sound public policy.