



From the Director

Welcome! The James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research is proud to be part of the University of Idaho's 125-year legacy of leadership, and excited to define new standards of excellence and impact in the future. The McClure Center is celebrating ten years of conducting nonpartisan research, informing public dialogue and policy and engaging students in learning about public policy making.

Inspired by Senator McClure's legacy of statesmanship, bipartisan cooperation and

evidence based decision making, the McClure Center addresses policy issues of importance at the local, state, regional, national and global levels. The McClure Center champions a culture of collaboration, makes the case for evidence and heightens public discourse around informed policy making. Its reach beyond the University and the capital city is critical.

This is a Center on the move. We welcome ideas for deepening engagement within and outside Idaho and look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,
Katherine Himes, Ph.D., Director

- **30+ signature *Idaho at a Glance* publications and detailed research reports**
- **30+ government, business and university clients**
- **70+ presentations delivered**
- **200+ students trained**
- **State Capitol forums and lectures**

EVIDENCE BASED RESEARCH FOR SOUND PUBLIC POLICY

The McClure Center is uniquely poised to serve as a convener of diverse stakeholders and provide reliable, nonpartisan information on tough policy issues. Not only does the McClure Center find common ground and pragmatic solutions, but Center staff strive to take an innovative and agile approach to addressing policy inquiries.

McClure Center Mission

The McClure Center conducts nonpartisan research, informs public dialogue and policy and engages students in learning about public policy making with a focus on critical issues facing the state, region, nation and world.

McClure Center Vision

The McClure Center will be Idaho's most trusted and preeminent public policy research center.



McClure Center Core Principles

These principles are consistent with the University of Idaho's principles and values: excellence, respect, integrity, perseverance and sustainability.

1. Conduct evidence based research to inform public policy: Decisions based on credible, accurate and relevant research have the power to **improve lives and strengthen communities**. To maintain Senator McClure's legacy of thoughtful pursuit of sound public policy, the McClure Center conducts nonpartisan, evidence based research to inform policy, support decision makers and foster public dialogue.

2. Communicate reliable policy findings in an accessible manner: The McClure Center is dedicated to **inform** public policy for the state, region, nation and world. The Center's reports and events not only **communicate** the relevance of research to public policy, but **translate** research findings into actionable knowledge that decision makers can **utilize** to enact reliable public policy.

3. Convene and collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders: The McClure Center's **collaborative** and **interdisciplinary** approach to address society's complex issues sustains Senator McClure's remarkable legacy. Through events, workshops and trainings, the Center convenes a variety of stakeholders in engaged and thoughtful **exploration** of critical challenges facing the state, region, nation and world. These inclusive activities foster lasting partnerships and provide a setting for ongoing public dialogue.

4. Engage students in public policy: The University of Idaho prepares students to **discover** new knowledge, **solve** novel problems and **lead**. Expanding on this, the McClure Center values its role in educating students and connecting their scholarship to public policy in innovative ways. The McClure Center offers research opportunities in addition to student internships.

5. Advance the University of Idaho as a leader in public policy research: The McClure Center is a **resource** for University of Idaho faculty, staff and students to translate their **knowledge** and expertise to inform public policy. The Center showcases their research in publications and events, and serves as a policy resource for research proposals.

The McClure Center offers the following services for businesses, non-profit organizations, governments, universities, colleges and others:

- Conduct policy analysis
- Develop white papers
- Conduct research and write research reports
- Design policy analysis for research proposals
- Provide training and workshops
- Partner on events or research proposals
- Convene and engage stakeholders to explore public policy topics
- Lead strategic planning and conceptualization for events
- Translate research findings to easily-accessible formats to inform targeted audiences

To work with the McClure Center

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