

McClure Center October Newsletter

Greetings,

Autumn colors mark the start to a new academic year at the University of Idaho. The James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research is proud to embark on another year of thought leadership in the public policy arena and extend Senator McClure's esteemed legacy through collaborative research, robust student engagement and stimulating events.

The McClure Center has launched an ambitious \$3 million capital campaign to champion Senator McClure's values, which include:

- Serving the public through the application of scientifically based research to the public policy process,
- Convening diverse stakeholders,
- Championing collaborative approaches and
- Providing reliable, nonpartisan information on tough policy issues with significant attention to detail and understanding of policy implications.

These principles are essential for advancing sound public policy. We encourage you to learn more about the McClure Center and the capital campaign by exploring our [strategic plan](#). Your contributions are critical to make this campaign a success. While all gifts are valued, significant individual contributions will be needed to reach this ambitious goal. Contributions can be made by stepping forward with a gift [here](#) or by contacting [Dr. Katherine Himes](#), McClure Center director, who would be happy to speak with you about how your gift could have the most impact.

We look forward to connecting with you this year, sharing our work with Idaho, the region and beyond. Following are highlights of our exceptionally productive summer.

Research

At the request of the Idaho State Department of Education, the McClure Center developed a five-part Idaho at a Glance series on migratory students and English Learner students. This series is designed to help decision makers, educators and the public:

- Understand the purpose and impact of the Migrant Education and English Learner programs,
- Learn where migratory students and English Learner students are enrolled throughout Idaho,
- Learn about Idaho's overall migrant population and its residents who do not speak English as their primary language,
- Discover how migratory students and English Learner students perform on standardized tests,
- Compare migratory students and English Learner students to other Idaho students on graduation and go-on rates and
- Describe sister programs and resources available across Idaho.

The Department of English Learner & Migrant Education has distributed these publications to superintendents, federal program directors, legislators, educators and the public. We are working with the Idaho State Department of Education to translate the “overview” pieces into Spanish.

We encourage you to learn more about migratory students and English Learner students. The Idaho at a Glance publications include:



Idaho at a Glance

August 2018

[Migratory Students Overview](#)



Idaho at a Glance

August 2018

[English Learner Students Overview](#)



Idaho at a Glance

September 2018

[Idaho's Title III Consortium for English Learner Students](#)



Idaho at a Glance

October 2018

[Education for Idaho's
Migratory Students](#)

Coming Soon: Idaho at a Glance

November 2018

Education for Idaho's English Learners

Student Engagement

Undergraduate students

University of Idaho seniors Estefania Cervantes and Liz Daniel joined the McClure Center this summer as Martin-McClure Cultural Ambassadors. Through a partnership between the McClure Center and the University's international Martin Institute, Ambassadors combine their interest in international affairs and policy during an eight-week, intensive experience.

Estefania Cervantes, double major in Spanish and International Studies, worked with the Idaho State Department of Education Migrant Student Leadership Institute. In addition to collaboratively designing the curriculum for this high school student program and exercising her Spanish skills, Estefania wrote a lengthy research report on Migrant Education in the United States and a reflective piece, which was featured in [Idaho at a Glance: Education for Idaho's Migratory Students](#).

Liz Daniel, double major in French and International Studies, worked with the non-profit organization Jannus/Global Gardens, researching urban and small scale agriculture through the lens of economic development. She authored a detailed research report on policies, regulations, challenges and success of urban agriculture operations, and utilized her French skills to help a Global Gardens Congolese family embark on their own new economic endeavor.

Graduate and professional students

The McClure Center is thrilled to announce a significant financial contribution of \$30,000 to launch the Center's graduate student assistant program, supporting three students for one semester each. These semester or year-long opportunities will support University of Idaho graduate students as they engage in research and public policy

experience, leading to publications, presentations and other applied endeavors.

Events and Outreach

Policy Pub, the McClure Center's speaker series resumes on Oct. 24. Policy Pub: Fire in the West will showcase William Kaage, chief of the National Park Service Division of Fire and Aviation Management at the National Interagency Fire Center; Capt. Jerry McAdams, fire inspector, investigator and wildfire mitigation specialist for the Boise Fire Department and Jen Pierce, associate professor at Boise State University's Department of Geosciences. Policy Pub is designed to engage Idahoans in learning about current policy, conversing with decision makers and understanding more about topics important to Idaho and the region, nation and world. Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

The 2018 **Rangeland Fall Forum**, a partnership among the University of Idaho Rangeland Center, Salmon Valley Stewardship, Lemhi Regional Land Trust, Society for Range Management and McClure Center was held on Oct. 4-5 in Salmon, Idaho. The 5th annual Fall Forum prompted attendees to consider past land management decisions and think critically about how those decisions present themselves today through the backdrop of collaborative projects taking place in Lemhi County. Nearly 100 participants got out on the range and engaged in conversations about the social, ecological and economic health of rangelands.





On Oct. 9, McClure Center director Dr. Katherine Himes emceed a presentation on **risks and opportunities for Idaho in a changing climate** delivered by economic expert [Kate Gordon](#). Kate Gordon's talk was followed by a question-and-answer session facilitated by Marcia Franklin of Idaho Public Television. Nearly 200 people attended the event. Learn more about Kate Gordon's work through this [brief interview](#) with Boise State Public Radio.

The McClure Center has partnered with Idaho Public Television to support **The Idaho Debates**. The Idaho Debates is a collaborative effort among the Idaho Press Club, Boise State University's School of Public Service, University of Idaho's McClure Center, Idaho State University's Department of Political Science, League of Women Voters Education Fund and Idaho Public Television. This debate series, covering the primary and general elections, features Idaho candidates for statewide and congressional offices, as well as ballot measures. Watch the 2018 debates [here](#).

Thank you very much for your continued support of the McClure Center. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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