

# *McCLURE*

*A VISION FOR IDAHO*



University of Idaho

McClure Center for  
Public Policy Research



# James A. and Louise McClure

## Center for Public Policy Research

Based in Boise, the University of Idaho James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research addresses policy issues of importance to Idaho and the region. The McClure Center produces independent, neutral research with integrity.

Over the past 15 years, the McClure Center has heightened public discourse around policy making, published evidence-based research that contributes to a strong democracy, engaged students in learning about public policy making, and championed a collaborative approach to tough problems.

The McClure Center is honored to be part of the University of Idaho's 130-year legacy of leadership, grounded in the land-grant mission.

Looking ahead, the McClure Center will continue to define new standards of excellence and impact in Idaho and beyond.

This includes expanding capabilities in economic analysis; adding student programs, such as opportunities for Vandals in Idaho's capital and the nation's capital; increasing trainings that focus on connections between science and policy; returning to the annual McClure Symposium on Science and Public Policy; and building on collaborative engagement practice.

As well, the McClure Center is dedicated to securing additional financial support through federal and state grants and foundations, which are essential for growing the number of McClure Center staff and students and university partners.

***This strategic plan provides a high-level overview of impact areas that will propel the McClure Center's mission and vision forward over the next five years.***

## Informing Public Dialogue and Policy

The McClure Center’s mission is inspired by Senator and Louise McClure’s legacy. The McClure Center conducts evidence-based research, informs public dialogue and policy, facilitates collaborations, and engages students in learning about public policy making.



**We are Idaho’s trusted center for public policy research and collaboration.**

# Impact Areas

THE MCCLURE CENTER FOCUSES ON FIVE MAJOR IMPACT AREAS:



**Evidence-Based Research**



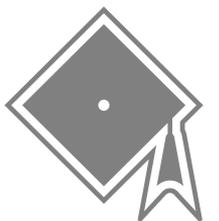
**Collaborative Governance**



**Public Engagement**



**Science Policy**



**Applied High-Level Learning Experiences for Students**

# Evidence-Based Research



Grow the breadth and depth of independent research to inform public policy and dialogue, and advance the University of Idaho as a leader in public policy research through:

- ▶ Economic analysis, an emerging area of expertise
- ▶ *Idaho at a Glance* policy briefs, a signature McClure Center publication
- ▶ Full-length research reports and needs assessments

GOVERNOR'S SALMON WORKGROUP



# Collaborative Governance



Expand convening and collaboration with broad groups of stakeholders and rightsholders, empowering and facilitating enduring approaches to pressing challenges.

New efforts, such as the emerging Idaho Program on Collaboration, will build on the McClure Center's leadership in the University Network for Collaborative Governance (UNCG) and Idaho Governor's Salmon Workgroup.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF IDAHO ART AT THE SMITHSONIAN



# Public Engagement



Continue to communicate information to broad audiences across the state in an accessible manner, stimulate public discourse, and inform public dialogue and policy through:

- Presentations to businesses, governments, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups
- Policy Pub
- Formal events in the State Capitol

Many have strong connections with democracy, law, civics, and civil discourse.

# Science Policy



ISTP FELLOW ANNA BRIGGS, PH.D.



Increase initiatives that connect science and public policy and advance the science policy ecosystem in Idaho, including:

- The Idaho Science & Technology Policy Fellowship (ISTPF), a nonpartisan program in partnership with Boise State University and Idaho State University
- Science policy trainings and a science policy certificate program
- A return to the annual McClure Symposium on Science and Public Policy

## Applied High-Level Learning Experiences for Students



2020 JAMM-MCCLURE LEGISLATIVE INTERNS



The McClure Center has engaged over 100 students in public policy research and processes at many levels.

Expand offerings and grow student participation for:

- **Future leaders:** Partnerships with youth leadership programs that focus on civic engagement, such as 4-H Know Your Government and Upward Bound
- **Undergraduate students:** Experiences that connect policy with journalism, research, international studies, and water—in Boise, across the state, and in Washington, D.C.:
  - School of Journalism and Mass Media (JAMM)-McClure Legislative Internship
  - McClure Legislative Research Scholars
  - Tod Neuenschwander Communications Scholar
  - Martin-McClure Ambassadorship
  - Water Policy Internship
  - Vandals in D.C.
- **Law students:** Pro bono, externship, and Semester in Practice offerings that couple public policy research and partnerships with civic and government leaders
- **Doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows:** Advanced research, policy, and public engagement programs, including the McClure in History Fellowship



# About the McClures

Both graduates of the University of Idaho, Jim and Louise McClure made a distinct impact on public policy in Idaho and at national and international levels by cultivating strong relationships, pursuing and promoting bipartisan collaborations, relying on evidence, and valuing public service.

The McClure Center is dedicated to advancing and building on this incredible legacy.

To learn more about the McClure Center, please visit: [uidaho.edu/mcclurecenter](http://uidaho.edu/mcclurecenter).

**SUPPORT OUR WORK**



The University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research was founded in 2007. The Center's approach to addressing society's complex issues sustains Senator and Louise McClure's legacy of thoughtfully pursuing bipartisan collaborations and sound public policy.

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