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Public Policy Research

Dear Friends of the McClure Center,

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to think deeply and creatively about where we have been, where we are and where we want to be.

A constant is the McClure Center's dedication to the mission of conducting evidence-based research, informing public dialogue and policy, bringing groups together to collaborate, engaging students in learning about public policy and championing the University of Idaho as a leader in public policy research.

2023 is off to a strong start – filled with new faces, new expertise and much more. We are excited for what 2023 will bring and look forward to sharing more news with you as the year unfolds.

New Staff

The McClure Center has been endeavoring to add an economist to our roster of expertise for some time. Idaho communities and governments have expressed strong interest in economic research and analysis, and we are eager to support this need.

We are so pleased to have welcomed the McClure Center's first in-house economist, Liz Bageant, to our team in early February.

Born and raised in Idaho, Liz earned a B.S. in development sociology and an M.S. in agriculture economics, both from Cornell University. As an applied economist, she brings experience in a wide range of research areas, including livestock insurance, harmful algal blooms and food security and nutrition.

Liz is an expert in technical practices to support transparent, reproducible research that generates high quality, evidence-based products. She also has extensive experience mentoring students and scholars from many backgrounds.

After working internationally for many years, Liz is thrilled to bring her research work close to home. [Learn more](#) about her work.

We are more than excited to have Liz and her extensive skills join the McClure Center's research team.



LIZ BAGEANT

2023 McClure-JAMM Legislative Intern

Our longstanding partnership with the U of I School of Journalism and Mass Media continues to thrive. It is an honor to offer high-level applied learning experiences that engage students and help advance their understanding of public policy.

This legislative session, we welcomed Cheyenne Hill as a JAMM-McClure Legislative Intern. Cheyenne is providing statehouse coverage for Idaho rural newspapers.

Cheyenne, a junior, is an international studies major with a double minor in Asian studies and philosophy, politics and economics. Cheyenne hopes to travel to the Netherlands this upcoming summer to study abroad, taking a deep dive into Dutch culture. She aspires to begin a career in international law and one day work for the United Nations.



CHEYENNE HILL

In her words... *“My time in Boise during the legislative session has been filled with a multitude of emotions. I’ve met many legislators and even the governor himself, which felt like meeting a local celebrity. Being able to walk onto the Senate and House galleries and watch the action of bills unfolding right in front of me is an experience I never imagined I would enjoy as much as I do. Listening to representatives and senators discuss issues I, myself, am passionate about and then being able to spread the word across Idaho is exhilarating. I hope anyone reading my articles enjoys learning what is happening and continues to read what I put into the world. The experience of being a McClure Center intern is one I will always cherish.”*

2023 Open House

To celebrate and kick-off Education Week during the 2023 legislative session, the McClure Center and the U of I Office of State Governmental Relations held our first-ever joint open house. This was a terrific opportunity for our U of I family, state government colleagues, business and community leaders and advisory board members to tour the new space, engage with each other and learn more about the McClure Center and what we do.

Thank you to all who joined us to reconnect and celebrate the new year, new location and new colleagues.

ISTPF 2023-24 Application Open through March 26, 2023

The McClure Center is excited to announce the call for the fourth cohort of the Idaho Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (ISTPF). The ISTPF is a nonpartisan program that connects science and engineering with policy. The fellowship matches scientists, social scientists and engineers with state agencies and the legislature to develop and implement solutions that address challenges facing Idaho, such as water, energy, fire, public health and economic development. To learn more about the ISTPF and how to become a fellow, visit www.uidaho.edu/ISTPF

Warmest wishes,



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Public Policy Research

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