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UVU GARY R. HERBERT
INSTITUTE *for* PUBLIC POLICY

2023



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About the Herbert Institute

In its first full calendar year as an academic unit at Utah Valley University, the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy created opportunities for students, faculty, and the community to engage with public policy leaders in unprecedented ways.

The Herbert Institute is a non-partisan institute that invites and welcomes policy leaders of all backgrounds, positions, and political affiliations to participate in civil dialogue surrounding public policy. Truly, the Herbert Institute makes UVU and our community a better place.

The Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy's mission is to increase positive civic engagement among students, policy leaders, and the community. This is accomplished by building on three pillars:

LEAD: Develop future policy leaders

GATHER: Convene with the community to engage in respectful civic dialogue

TRUST: Build trust in civic institutions that are the foundation of our democratic republic



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2023



8,060

students, faculty, staff, and community members attended Herbert Institute events in 2023



66

events hosted by the Herbert Institute in 2023

2023 Annual Report



Message from Governor Gary R. Herbert

2023 was a wonderful year for the Herbert Institute and we can't thank those who have contributed to our success enough. Because of you, the Institute was able to host impactful policy discussions with Former US House Speaker, Paul Ryan, Vice President Mike Pence, and many others. Our internship program nearly doubled in 2023 and we are thrilled for what 2024 will bring. Your generous gifts made it all possible.

Among the many generous supporters who have contributed to the institute's ongoing success, we thank you. This next year promises to be historic, and the Herbert Institute will be at the forefront of engaging in civil discourse and providing information to navigate the oncoming year.

Respectfully,

Gary R. Herbert
17th Governor of Utah

Message from Justin Jones, Executive Director

2023 was another amazing year of growth for the Herbert Institute. The support of the Legislature and generous donors enabled us to double the number of interns. These future policy leaders are amazing making a lasting impression on me, and those they served.

We hosted many remarkable speakers in 2023. A highlight was when Paul Ryan, 54th Speaker of the House, arrived two days after the ouster of the 55th Speaker, Kevin McCarthy. Speaker Ryan's only public statement on this American first was at the Herbert Institute. It was one of many firsts for the Institute.

This is our annual report to the generous people who have made this Institute a success. Words can't express adequately our appreciation, nor your impact. Because of you, 2024 and the future will be filled with better informed and more experienced policy leaders.

Justin Jones
Executive Director
Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy
Utah Valley University



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About the Herbert Institute

LEAD

The Herbert Institute develops future policy leaders by engaging students in current public policy issues, directing high-impact internships, and promoting community engagement in political processes.



Herbert Internship Impact

It has been my great pleasure to be engaged in the research and work of the Herbert Institute at UVU. For me, 2023 has offered the opportunity to complete initial research into some of our country's most pressing concerns, from watershed restoration to the institution of voting in our Republic.

We have been honored to meet and learn from many local and national leaders who have inspired us in countless ways including Paul Ryan, Mike Pence, and candidates for Orem City Council. Among the many great leaders we've met, Gary R. Herbert has devoted incomparable time and energy to us and the institute.

Mike Erickson
Student Director

2023 Herbert Interns

Consulate for Spain – Los Angeles, CA

- Tyler Doty
- Giovanna Torres

Utah Legislature – Salt Lake City, UT

- Shandy Clark
- Parker Frampton
- Joseph Furniss
- Jackson Griesemer
- Samuel Matis
- Katie Nelson
- Anna Van Noy
- Hannah Oh
- Emily Stoddard
- Katelyn Woffinden

Utah Medical Association (2023 Legislative Session) – Salt Lake City, UT

- Jared Medlyn

Republican National Committee – Washington, DC

- Abby Trendler

Senator Mike Lee – Washington, DC

- Jacob Carlson
- Heinen Louis
- Elissa Pippen
- Joshua Walton

Senator John Barrasso – Washington, DC

- Handan Torsak

UVU In-House Interns

- Mike Erickson
- Cade Bloomer
- McKay Brooks
- Noah Cliften
- Mikelle Dahl
- Jessica Hollingsworth
- Annaliese Hussey
- Canyon Moser
- John Nelson
- Hannah Oh



14,344
hours worked by
Herbert interns



6
undergraduate
researchers



53
media stories with a
reach of 862.3m

GATHER

The Herbert Institute gathers the community to participate in civil dialogue, hosts public policy leaders, and exposes students to diverse political thought.

Message from F. Wayne Vaught, Provost/Sr VP Academic Affairs

Since the opening of the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy in 2021, we have witnessed remarkable contributions in the educational experience of UVU's students. With its work facilitating impactful internships, students are gaining invaluable hands-on experience, preparing them to one-day be Utah's policy leaders. These internships not only empower our students with real-world skills but also contribute meaningfully to the workforce needs of our community.

As a resource for gathering the community for civil dialogue, the Herbert Institute is serving an essential role as a unifying voice, bringing both UVU and the broader community together. The Herbert Institute has quickly become an essential element to the UVU community and is helping to successfully shape important conversations in our community.

We are also honored to have Utah's 17th Governor, Gary Herbert on our campus. He frequently spends time mentoring and lecturing to students in all majors, bringing added prestige to this already incredible campus. The future is bright for UVU and the Herbert Institute.



2023 was a year of firsts at the Herbert Institute

- First political debate with Drem City Council candidates
- First Public Policy Week: an entire week devoted to hearing from policy leaders
- Paul Ryan became the first U.S. Speaker of the House to visit UVU
- The Institute hosted its first international speakers
- First faculty fellows, Dr. Kal Munis and Dr. Alan Parry

Published Research Papers

Wildlife Conservation Project:

- Generational Drought and Its Impact on Utah's Mule Deer Population, January 2023
- Historical Overview of Wildlife Conservation in the State of Utah, June 2023

Elections Project:

- American Electoral Politics is Dominated by the Rural-Urban Divide: What Factors Explain It? And Can Policy Intervention Ameliorate It?, February 2023



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Feb 2

Presented Research at Western Hunting and Conservation Expo

Mar. 24

Ranked Choice Voting Conference

Apr. 28

Mike Pence at Zions Bank

Aug. 22

Hosted Cong. John Curtis w/Sutherland Institute

Mar. 23

Legislative Review with Stuart Adams

Apr. 11 - 13

Invited to Participate in Agora Conservation Agenda for Democracy

May 9

Herbert/Bell/Cox Reunion

Sep. 7

Hoagies with Herbert: Reflections on Sep. 11

Oct. 5

Paul Ryan Lecture

- America First Credit Union
- Ashton Family Foundation
- Beckham/Ashe Foundation
- Clyde Companies
- Crocker Catalyst Fund
- Desert Power
- Eccles Foundation
- Ed St. John Foundation
- FairVote
- Gary and Jeanette Herbert Foundation
- Gary Barnett
- Hansen Family Foundation
- Herbert Institute Fundraising Endowment
- Ivory Foundation
- Kem & Carolyn Gardner
- KW Realty
- Labor and Honor Foundation
- Larry H. and Gail Miller Foundation
- Semnani Family Foundation
- Sorenson Legacy Foundation
- Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife
- Utah Hospitals Association
- Utah Association of Realtors
- UVU Foundation
- William Vassiliadis
- 2023 Utah Legislature
- 2024 Utah Legislature

Funding

The Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy is funded from a combination of donations from generous philanthropists and one-time funds from the Utah Legislature. UVU supports the Institute with space in the Brandon Fugal Gateway Building and provides part-time staff support.



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We extend our enthusiastic appreciation to all those who continue to support the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy. This support allows the Institute to continue to make an impact for students and the community at UVU. Please consider making a gift to support the Herbert Institute with the following goals:

- Launch the Herbert Distinguished Faculty Fellowship and Student Research Fellows Program
- Become the premier location for convening around civil discourse and dialogue
- Create a UVU Campus in Washington, DC
- Fund scholarships for Herbert Interns

TRUST

The Herbert Institute builds and enhances trust in foundational civic institutions of our democratic republic and Utah.

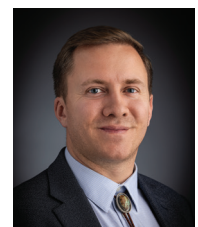
The Herbert Institute is conducting a series of research projects, which currently fall under two major policy areas: nature conservation and elections. The Herbert Institute partners with accomplished UVU faculty and students to research, write, and publish projects focused on public policy issues of great importance in Utah Valley.

Dr. Alan Parry, UVU Department of Mathematics

My work with the Herbert Institute has been primarily about helping the public understand how ranked choice voting (RCV) works, why it might be an improvement on more traditional election methods, and dispelling misunderstandings about RCV and its effects. As part of this, I've written a couple of white papers on this topic including one that was joint work with FairVote.org on inactive ballots in elections and another about how best to present RCV election results. I look forward to many more opportunities to work with the Herbert Institute to raise awareness about RCV and other election related issues.



Dr. Alan Parry, Herbert Fellow



Dr. Kal Munis, Herbert Fellow

Sep. 8

Cong. John Curtis, Conservation Climate Caucus (Interns Staffed)

Oct. 9

Immigration Panel w/ Student Services

Nov. 2

Growth and Prosperity Summit

Nov. 28

Congressman Rob Bishop and Dr. Nevine Labib

Oct. 25

Drem City Council Debate

Nov. 27

Alaa Ebrahim

Nov. 30

Rep. Sandra Hollins and Dr. Jen Seelig

Public Policy Week