Annual Report

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"I am humbled to call Utah Valley University home once again."

In high school, I spent a summer being trained as a draftsperson at Utah Technical College. This training provided valuable background for my career as a real estate broker and developer. Later, I taught real estate classes for several years in the Woodbury School of Business, at what was then Utah Valley Community College. Reflecting on a lifetime of connections, I am humbled to call Utah Valley University (UVU) home once again. Establishing Utah's newest public policy institute is something I'm passionate about. I have enjoyed devoting my time this past year to developing the next generation of public policy leaders.

You are among the many who have contributed to the Institute's successful first year and shaped our success. The inaugural year of the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy has been one for the history books. Because of you, we were able to host impactful policy discussions, offer engaging internships, and start work on several initiatives. For your generosity, I thank you.

2023 promises to be an incredible year, and we hope to see you at this year's major events.

Respectfully,

Gary R. Herbert
17th Governor of Utah

"I am privileged to be part of the great work honoring Gary Herbert's legacy."

I am privileged to be a part of the great work honoring Gary Herbert's legacy and to have worked closely with Governor and Mrs. Herbert to build and open the Herbert Institute at Utah Valley University.

To the donors, legislators, students, and administration who have made the Institute a reality, we thank you. Because of you, we were able to launch this much-needed institute. The first year has already had an enormous impact and set the bar high for years to come.

With our thanks, we respectfully submit to you this first annual report.

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

About the Herbert Institute

On March 31, 2022, the UVU Board of Trustees approved the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy as an academic unit, allowing students, faculty, and the community to engage with public policy leaders in a way that had not happened before at Utah Valley University.

Regardless of political affiliation, background, or position, the Institute invites and welcomes leaders to gather, connect, and engage in civil discourse about political policy to instill trust in the institutions that have made our country great. Truly, the Herbert Institute will make UVU and our community a better place.

The Institute is supported by three pillars: Lead, Gather, and Trust.

LEAD

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

Herbert Legislative Interns

The Herbert Institute works with UVU's High Impact Internship program to hire and place students in opportunities where they will gain powerful experiences serving at the state and national level. In 2022, the inaugural cohort of 27 Herbert interns had the opportunity to see how policymaking works from the inside out.

Fifteen of those interns had the privilege of serving during the 2022 Utah Legislature General Session, joining a group of 100 Utah college students. Each student was assigned to a Utah legislator and served as their only staff resource during the 45-day session. This provided them an excellent opportunity to make personal connections with their legislator and others serving our state. They were able to meet some of the biggest names in Utah politics, personally observe the lawmaking process, and earn university credit.

4,500 hours worked by **legislative interns**

4,800 hours worked by **congressional/ federal interns**

6,800 hours worked by **research interns**

2022 Herbert Legislative Interns

Cade Bloomer	Kaelie Bodily	McKay Brooks
Tyler Cooper	Kymber Crosby	Michael Erickson
Laura Gale	Kendrick Gibson	Brooklyn House
Mckenna Lambert	Adam Maynes	Kamryn Mikami
Kaedan Rivera	Sara Mosterller	Erik Nystul

Herbert Internship Impact

It has been my great pleasure to be engaged in the initial efforts and work of the Herbert Institute at UVU. For the student interns, this year has afforded us the chance to begin research into some of our country's most pressing concerns, from wildlife conservation to the fundamental institution of voting.

We have been honored to meet and learn from many local policy leaders who have inspired us in countless ways. 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

LAURA GALE

2022 Herbert Intern
Utah State Legislature
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee (R),
District 14, Clearfield
Rules Vice Chair

"The legislative internship impacted my life, career goals, and education in several ways. Through the internship, I gained a better understanding of the legislative process, the inner workings of a government office, and the importance of public service. I also developed relationships with key leaders in the legislature, and I learned how to use my voice to advocate for policies and issues important to me. While serving, I was able to hone my research, writing, and communication skills by drafting constituent communications, conducting research, and preparing talking points for my representative. These experiences enhanced my education and gave me the tools and confidence to pursue my career goals."

KAMRYN MIKAMI

2022 Herbert Intern
Utah State Legislature
Rep. Adam Robertson (R)
District 63, Provo

"This internship showed me how much the state legislature influences my life. It was such a great experience to see first-hand how a bill becomes a law. Because of this internship, I realized how passionate I am about politics and officially changed my major to political science with an emphasis in public administration, and I'm loving it."

CADE BLOOMER

2022 Herbert Intern
Herbert Research &
Utah State Legislature
Senator Mike McKell (R)
District 25, Utah County

"When I think of the legislative internship, one word comes to mind - opportunity: the opportunity to watch the government work for the people and see the dedication of elected officials and full-time staff; the opportunity to assist an elected official in their work; and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and valuable skills. These skills, such as bill research, have helped me work in a professional environment as a research intern in the Gary R. Herbert Institute for Public Policy. Without the legislative internship, I would not be as prepared for my career, nor would I have the confidence I have gained to continue working in politics."

GATHER

The Herbert Institute gathers the community for civil dialogue, hosts public policy leaders, and exposes students to diverse political thought, preparing them to be good citizens.

Timeline of Events (2019-2022)

2019

OCT

UVU President Astrid S. Tuminez announces the Herbert Institute at the governor's annual gala.

2021

MAY 7

Gary Herbert receives Honorary Doctorate.

MAY 19

Dr. Timothy Shriver, UNITE founder and Special Olympics chairman, speaks at the Herbert Institute opening event.

JAN 26

The Herbert Institute hires 15 interns to serve during the 2022 Utah Legislature General Session.

MAR 22

Dr. Arthur Laffer speaks on the role of taxes in economic prosperity.

MAR 31

The UVU Board of Trustees votes to recognize the Herbert Institute as an official academic unit.

SEP 13

UVUSA's Pizza and Politics event focuses on the Herbert Institute and how students can be involved.

SEP 20

Former Vice President Mike Pence holds a lecture at UVU, hosted by the Herbert Institute.

OCT 17

The Herbert Institute sponsors the only 2022 debate between US Senator Mike Lee and Evan McMullin.

4,797 **students, faculty, and staff** attended Herbert Institute events in 2022.

538 hoagies consumed during **HOAGIES WITH HERBERT**

AUG 1

Justin Jones, former chief of staff to President Tuminez, as the first Herbert Institute executive director.

SEP 9

Representative Paul Ray, Utah District 13, speaks at a public policy forum for redistricting.

2022

JAN 14

The Institute hosts a virtual Legislative Preview event with Utah House Speaker Brad Wilson and Representatives Val Peterson, Jefferson Moss, and Stephen Whyte.

MAY 19

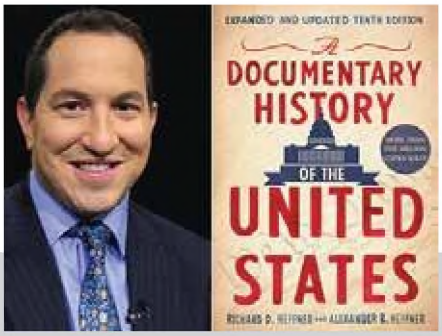
A panel of politicians and experts discuss the future of energy Utah.

JUN 9

The Herbert Institute sponsors the China Challenge Summit with Governor Herbert.

AUG 18

UVU holds a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Herbert Institute's new location in the new Fugal Gateway Building.



NOV 1

Alexander Heffner, journalist and civic educator, lectures on Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Age.

NOV 11

The Institute hosts the Dignity Index Project's discussion on how Utah's congressional candidates treated each other in the '22 mid-term elections.

NOV 30

Lieutenant Governor Deirdre Henderson hosts a town hall at UVU with the Herbert Institute.

TRUST

The Herbert Institute builds and enhances trust in the principles and civic institutions that are the foundation of our democratic republic in the United States of America.

Research Projects

The Herbert Institute is conducting a series of research projects, which currently fall under two major policy areas: nature conservation and elections.

The Conservation Project began in 2022 and will continue for the next three years. The Herbert Institute has received funding from Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife and the Utah Department of Natural Resources to review current conservation practices. The first of two research papers analyzed the impact Utah's drought had on mule deer populations. The second paper is a primer on the state's approach to conservation policy over the past three decades, which provides introductory research for future conservation studies. These two papers are nearing completion and will be shared in Summer 2023. Spring 2023 conservation research will focus on species population data for Utah's ten most important species for fishing and hunting.

The Herbert Institute will begin work evaluating Utah's elections to determine if voters who want to vote have access to ballots and if ballots, once cast, are secure. We will also research various election policy options. The first project on Utah's elections explored Utah experiment with ranked choice voting: how it works, what benefits it provides, and some of the issues cities have had with implementation.

Written by McKay Brooks, '22 Herbert Research Intern

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 D. Fugal Gateway Building and will soon provide limited staff support.

$6.65 MILLION

appropriated, donated, or committed as of January 2023.

Herbert Hall Collection

704 books + 448 donated items + 84 framed items = 1,871 artifacts