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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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Pictured above: The street signage for the Stephens Performing Arts Center has been updated! This long-awaited improvement responds to community feedback, and we're thrilled to make it easier for everyone to locate our beautiful performing arts center.

News

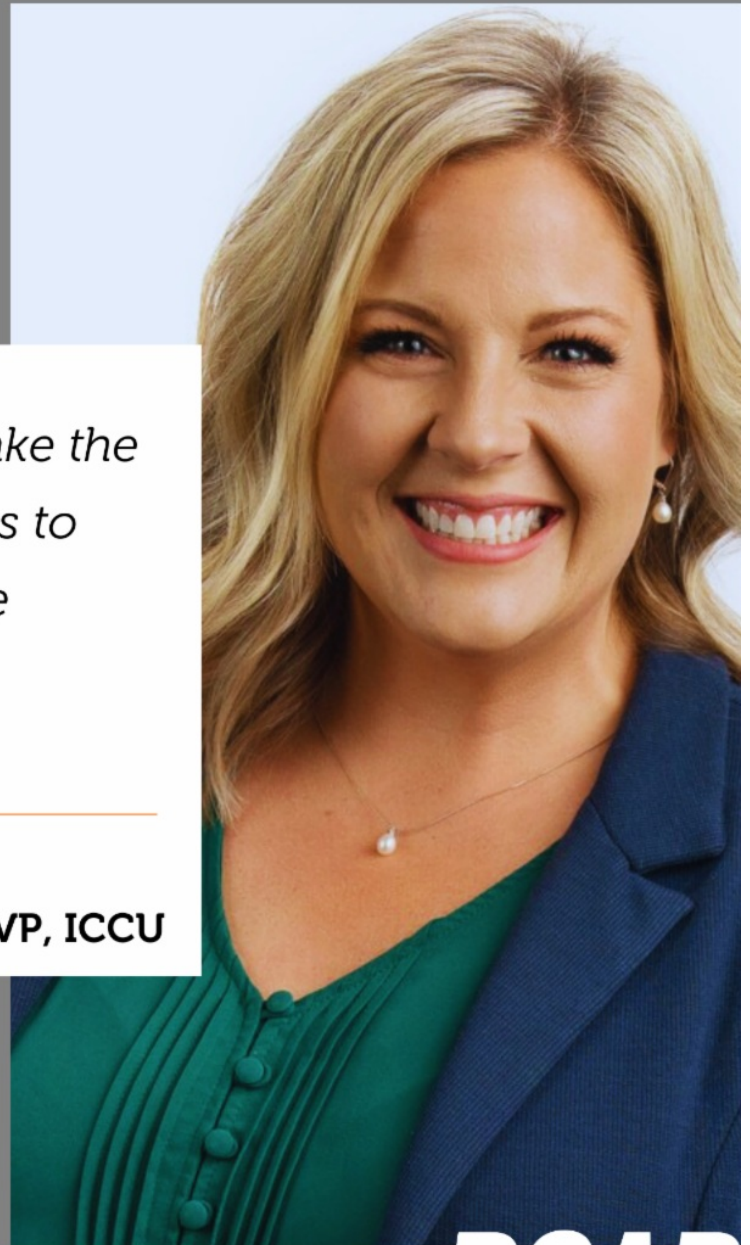
Laura Smith's Exploratory Spirit: If It's Not the Right Way We'll Go a Different Way

Laura Smith, an ISU graduate and Vice President of Community Development at Idaho Central Credit Union, shares how her exploratory spirit and valuable lessons from her college years shaped her successful career.

LAURA

"Give it your all. Don't take the time for granted. Say yes to opportunities that come your way."

Communication, 2014
Community Development VP, ICCU



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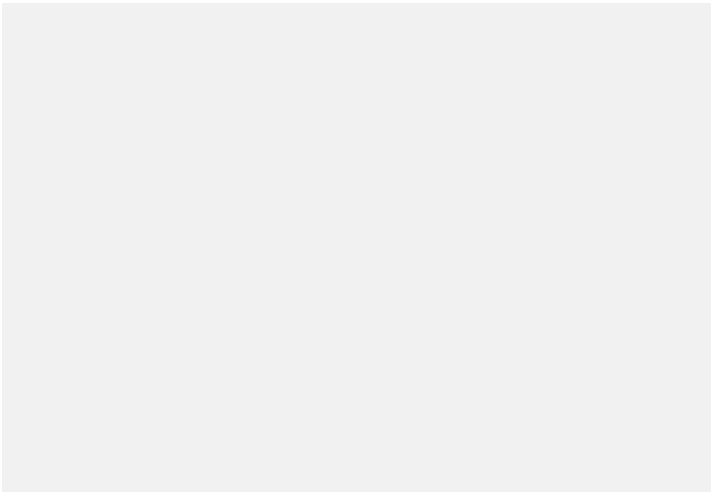
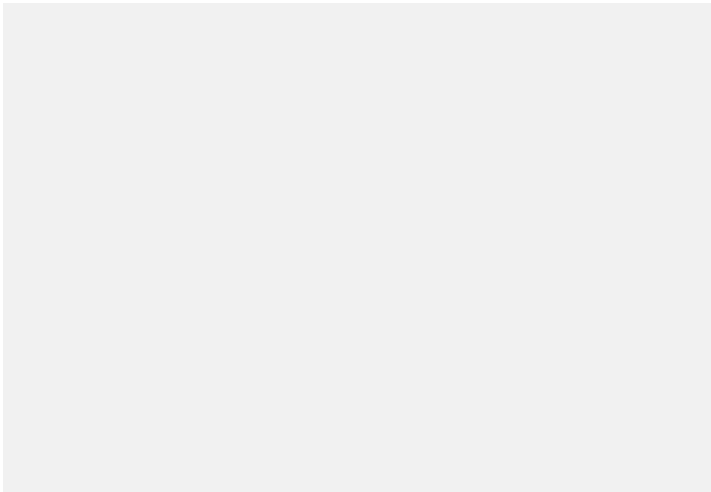
Laura's Story

A behind the scenes conversation about *Strata* with Nell Flanders and Jonathan Armstrong

"The process of repeating the music, it's like wine mellowing. The flavors blended in a whole new way. Almost across the board the final take we used for the album was the last take. It just got better and better."
-Nell Flanders



[Read the conversation](#)





Festival of Trees 2024

We had so much fun creating this year's tree for the Festival of Trees, which featured adorable woodland creatures. Proceeds from the event supported School District 25's Education Foundation, ISU student scholarships, Make-A-Wish Idaho, and SEICAA Meals on Wheels. Congratulations to the College of Business for organizing this beautiful and impactful community event!

Festival of Trees



Announcing the 2024-2025 Cultural Events Committee Grant Recipients

The College of Arts and Letters is pleased to announce the recipients of the cultural events grants for the 2024-2025 academic year.

CEC Grants

Bridging the Virtual and In-Person Divide

Dr. Laufenberg discusses her innovative approaches to virtual theatre education, revealing how online students can experience a sense of community and connection to campus through collaboration.



[Read the Q&A](#)

International Student Voices: Wonjeong Kim from South Korea

Wonjeong Kim shares her experience at ISU, where she pursued a PhD in English, navigating cultural differences and academic challenges to achieve her dream of becoming an educator.



[Read Wonjeong's Story](#)

Welcoming Elementary Students to *The Little Prince*

"The excitement of the young audiences was palpable, and their engagement reaffirmed our commitment to sharing the joys of live theatre with the community."



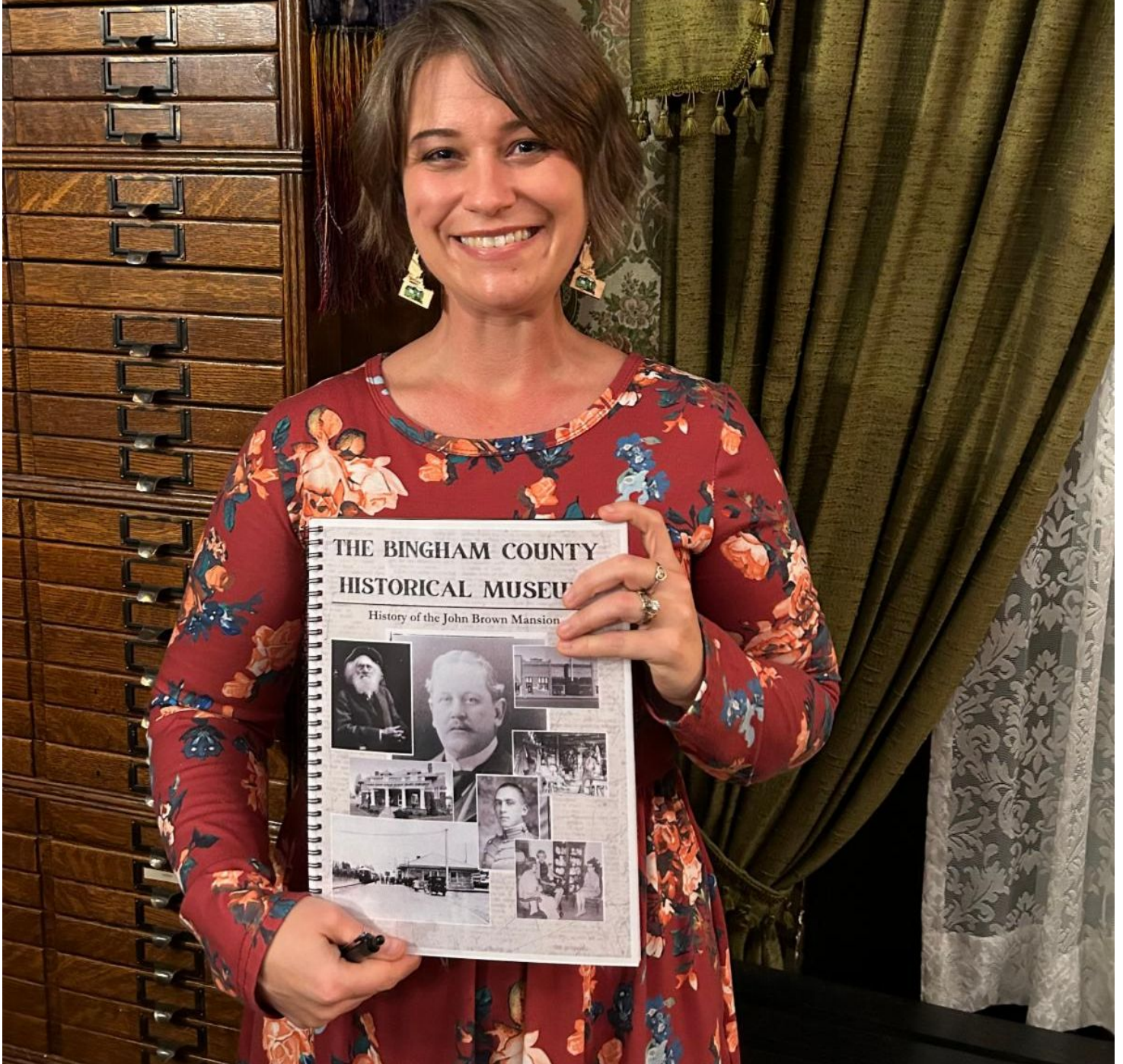
The Little Prince

Student Achievements

ISU English Major Andrea King Authors Book for Bingham County Historical Museum

Congratulations to Andrea King who recently published a book for The Bingham County Historical Museum in Blackfoot, Idaho.





Book Publication

Events

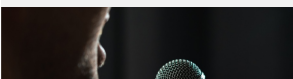
[ISU Calendar](#)

[Performing Arts Calendar](#)

Psychology Colloquium

December 4 | 1-2 PM | Rendezvous Suites

"Triggering Change: Strategies for Firearm Suicide Prevention at Individual and



Community Levels."



Cramsesh

December 5 | 3:30-6:30 PM | Rendezvous Suites

For the homework that was due yesterday. A stress-free study party to tackle last-minute assignments, fuel up with pizza, and win some awesome prizes!



Late Nights with the Graduate School

December 6 | 7-9 PM | ISU Games Center in the SUB

Unwind from your busy week and join us for food, bowling, and pool (provided by the Graduate School). Faculty, staff, and community members are welcome and we'd love to see both graduate and undergraduate students there.



Idaho State-Civic Symphony Concert "Joy to the World!"

December 6 and 7 | 7:30 PM | Jensen Hall

Featuring festivals of light and music from around the world, in collaboration with our marvelous ISU Concert Choir and the Camerata Singers, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Francom.

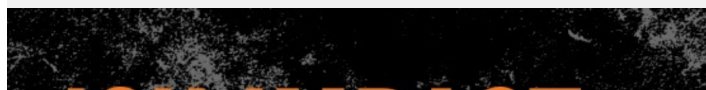
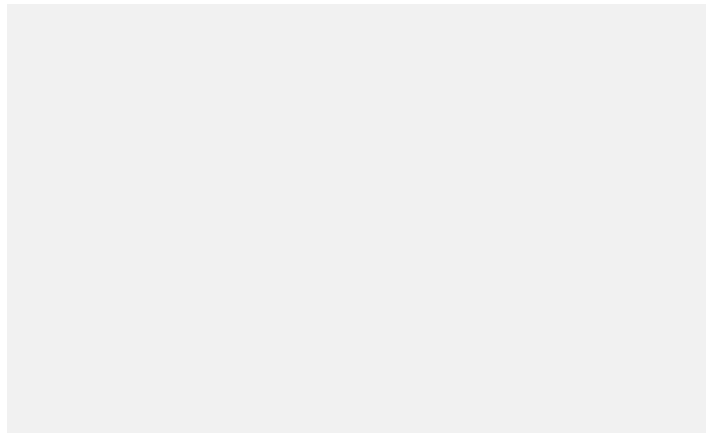
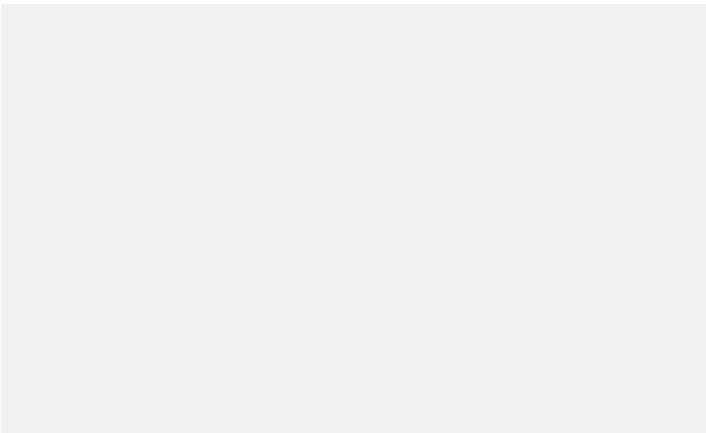


Save the Date: 54th Annual Frank Church Symposium

April 10-11, 2025

This year's theme, *Women Today: Politics, Perception, and Power*, delves into global perspectives on feminism, gender politics, healthcare, and more. Participants will gain insights from scholars and practitioners worldwide.

Announcements



THE POLISCI CONNECTION

VOICES FROM POLITICAL SCIENCE



Alumni Misty Prigent talks about her experiences in the department and since graduating.

ISU IMPACT:

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Former ISU women's basketball player Ilene Hauser and ISU Sports Hall of Famer Nancy Graziano talk about their impactful careers and the legacy of women's sports at ISU.

Arconexiones

ISU's Spanish MA program is hosting the second annual Arconexiones Graduate Student Conference on February 8, 2025, with the theme "Translation, Adaptation, and Interpretation."

Submit your proposals in English or Spanish by December 9, 2024, and join us for a day of insightful discussions, keynote speakers, and community building.

[Arconexiones Conference Website](#)

INCLUDE Report

Our 2024 Include report is available now. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the impactful stories, data, and initiatives that showcase our commitment to our rural community partners.

[2024 INCLUDE Report](#)

Help Us Complete the Tera Letzring Legacy Scholarship

We are so close to completing the Tera Letzring Legacy Endowed Scholarship in memory of beloved faculty member, Dr. Tera Letzring. This scholarship will ensure Tera's passion for psychology and dedication to student success continues to inspire future generations.

To make a direct gift, please use this [Give Smart link](#). Alternatively, contributions can be sent by mail to the ISU Foundation at 921 S. 8th Ave., Stop 8050, Pocatello, ID, 83209. Kindly mention "Letzring Endowment" on the memo line of your check.

Have a story about someone who impacted you in college? Let us know and we'll email you!

Yes I have a story to share!

Not now

Contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

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