



**Incomplete List of Research:
Centers, Institutes and Offices**



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Center for State Policy and Leadership

Given the unique public affairs mission and location of the UIS campus and the Illinois state capital, the Center for State Policy and Leadership identifies and addresses issues of state and national public policy, promotes governmental effectiveness, engages in citizen education, and contributes to the dialogue on matters of significant public concern with an emphasis on state government. The Center works in partnership with government, local communities, citizens, and the nonprofit sector to mobilize the expertise of faculty, staff, and students for public policy research, service, and leadership development. The vision of the Center is to be an active, nonpartisan, research and educational center devoted to public policy and leadership excellence. The Center seeks new answers to public policy questions, furthers the development of ethical and competent leaders, fosters civic engagement and promotes citizen awareness of public policy issues.

The Ten Units of the Center:

- The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies
- Institute for Legislative Studies
- The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- Survey Research Office
- Office of Graduate Intern Programs
- Center Publications/Illinois Issues Magazine
- Office of Electronic Media
- WUIS/WIPA Public Radio
- Public Policy High School Program
- Office of the Executive Director

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Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies of the Center for State Policy and Leadership was established in 1977 to contribute to the understanding and improvement of the Illinois legal system in ways accessible to scholars, policy makers, practitioners, and the general public. Faculty and professional staff direct a variety of activities, including research, training, technical assistance, public service, and education. Over the years, the Institute has become known for its applied research work, including program evaluation and policy impact assessment in the justice, human services delivery and economic development areas.

Research Areas:

- Judicial process
- Philosophy and history of the law
- Social services
- Child welfare
- Substance abuse
- Administrative
- Criminal justice policy and practice
- Education
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Family
- Juvenile Law
- Public finance

Institute Activities:

- Writing publications
- Legislation
- Administrative rules
- Legal and social science research
- Legislative and policy analysis
- Developing law related and other educational material
- Training curricula
- Workshops
- Conferences

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Institute for Legislative Studies

The Institute for Legislative Studies of the Center for State Policy and Leadership was established in 1977. The mission of the Institute is to: generate and disseminate information about the Illinois General Assembly, U.S. state legislatures, and U.S. state public policy, promote public interest in and an understanding of the legislative process in Illinois, other states, and at the national level, enhance the quality of the legislative process in Illinois, and promote the academic study of state legislatures and state politics.

Research Areas:

- Legislative processes
- Campaign finance
- Lobbying
- Interest Groups
- Advocacy and grass roots
- Organizations
- Policy making process
- Campaigns and elections
- Political ethics and political corruption
- Legislative Staffing
- Term Limits

Institute Activities:

- Workshops
 - Conferences
 - Grant funded research
 - Public affairs presentations
 - Legislative staff intern program
 - Publications
 - Reference materials
 - Publishing a refereed policy journal
 - Publishing in refereed academic journals
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Survey Research Office

The Survey Research Office (SRO) of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield specializes in serving state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations. It offers the credibility and objectivity associated with university research along with experience in conducting applied research, in keeping with the public affairs mission of the UIS campus.

SRO Services:

- Research design
 - Sampling design and selection
 - Questionnaire development
 - Database preparation
 - Data collection, through
 - Telephone interviewing
 - Mail-out surveys
 - Personal interviewing, and
 - Internet surveys
 - Data input, editing, and coding
 - Statistical analysis
 - Report design/preparation
 - Graphic illustrations
 - Presentation of results
 - Focus Groups
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