Sarah Murray

Sarah Murray is Associate Director of Indiana University’s Office of International Development. In this role, she facilitates short-term exchange programs focused on leadership development, building networks, and cultural exchange through people-to-people relations. Ms. Murray graduated from Western Michigan University in 2009 with Bachelors of Arts degrees in French and Global and International Studies. While at WMU, she studied abroad in France, Germany, Greece, and Italy. Upon graduation, she participated in a term of service with LISC AmeriCorps and continued to work in community and economic development across Michigan, providing technical expertise to municipalities and securing funding from state and federal agencies for infrastructure and community development initiatives.

In 2015, Ms. Murray earned a master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University. During her time at MSU, she engaged in research on land pressures from population mobility and climate change and their impacts on food systems in developing countries, specifically in East Africa. She was awarded two U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies fellowships to study Swahili, which aided her ability to conduct her thesis research in Tanzania. She graduated with the American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Planning Student Award.

The Department of World Languages and Literatures is very proud to recognize Ms. Murray’s achievements with this award. Her success in activities related to cultural exchange, her commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others, and her expanding language abilities make her an excellent role model for current WMU students.

Prior to joining Indiana University, Ms. Murray taught at the University of Michigan – Flint and was also Program Assistant for the Environment Program at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, where she worked on grant-making related to international development finance and renewable energy access in Tanzania and Brazil.

The department will recognize Sarah on Friday, October 5 in 3025 Brown Hall (All are welcome)
Presentation: 2:30 p.m.
Followed by Q & A