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Bio-Blurb

East Central University alumnus (1996) and member of both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, Dr. Murray received his doctorate in English from the University of South Dakota. His teaching interests include composition, ethnic literature, and American Literature through the early twentieth century. He has taught at a number of colleges and universities some of which include Bacone College (Muskogee, OK), University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD), and Morningside College (Sioux City, IA). Most recently, he taught at and directed the American Indian University of North America (Crazy Horse, SD).

Dr. Murray's research interests include American Indian Literature and Rhetoric. In 2009, he was awarded the Louis Gates Award from the Western Literature Association for work he completed on Yankton author Zitkala-Ša. In addition to his critical work, Dr. Murray has published both poetry and short fiction in journals including *The Oklahoma Review*, *The Red River Review*, and *Yellow Medicine Review*.