

November 3, 2016

To: Wisconsin Teaching Scholars Program Selection Committee

From: Taggert J. Brooks, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Economics

Re: Recommendation for Dr. James Murray for the Wisconsin Teaching

Scholars Program

I strongly support Dr. James Murray's application for the Wisconsin Teaching Scholars Program. Dr. Murray has demonstrated a commitment to continually improving his teaching, evidenced in part by numerous curriculum development and SOTL projects that he has completed and disseminated since joining the UWL Economics Department. We also value Dr. Murray's service to the university which aims to improve student learning under all our instructors. He regularly participates or leads in assessment efforts at the department, college, and university levels and he has been a leader in curriculum development efforts at the department and college levels.

I am confident Dr. Murray will make the most of the Wisconsin Teaching Scholars Program and I look forward to learning the details of his next teaching improvement project.

Sincerely,

Taggert J. Brooks, Ph.D.