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Dr. Brandon Sherman was selected by the U.S. Department of State to be an Alumni Ambassador for English Language Programs.

As an Alumni Ambassador, Dr. Brandon Sherman of Indiana University Indianapolis will represent English Language Programs at conferences and events around the country over the following year. Dr. Sherman is one of only 10 English Language Programs alumni selected for the 2024-2025 Alumni Ambassador cohort.

English Language Programs Alumni Ambassadors are a prestigious cohort of program alumni—Fellows, Specialists, and Virtual Educators—who are selected on an annual basis to promote the program by sharing stories of their exchange experience and their post-project careers. Selected alumni showcase the diversity and professionalism of the English Language Programs community.

Dr. Sherman is an Assistant Research Scientist in the IU Indianapolis School of Education. He researches teacher professional learning supporting multilingual learners of English, especially that supported by instructional coaching. As an English Language Programs Specialist in 2023, he worked with Russian English language teachers to introduce Instructional Coaching and help them adapt it to their culture and context.

Dr. Sherman stated that, “English Language Programs gave me the opportunity to amplify the impact of my research and practice as well as deepen my own understanding through cross-cultural dialogue.”

English Language Programs places highly qualified U.S.-citizen educators in the field of TESOL on projects funded by the U.S. Department of State to assist U.S. Embassies in delivering English language programs and supporting public diplomacy and mutual understanding through cultural exchange. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, English Language Programs participants work directly with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities and other academic institutions.



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