

About the Author



ANNE FIRTH MURRAY, a New Zealander, attended the University of California, Berkeley, and New York University, where she studied economics, political science, and public administration, with a focus on international health policy and women's reproductive health. In the 1960s and 70s, she worked at the United Nations, taught in Hong Kong and Singapore, and spent several years with Oxford, Stanford, and Yale university presses.

For the past twenty-five years, she has worked in the field of philanthropy, serving as a consultant to many foundations. From 1978 to the end of 1987, she directed the environment and international population programs of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation in California. She is the Founding President of the Global Fund for Women, established in 1987, which provides funds internationally to seed, strengthen, and link groups committed to women's well being. Her book *Paradigm Found: Leading and Managing for Positive Change* describes lessons learned from the early years of the Global Fund. Since 2000, she has been a consulting professor in human biology at Stanford University, where she teaches courses on international women's health and human rights.

Ms. Murray serves on several boards and councils of non-profit organizations, including the African Women's Development Fund, Commonweal, Doctors for Humanity, G.R.A.C.E. (a group working on HIV/AIDS in East Africa), the Hesperian Foundation, SPARK (a network dedicated to women's empowerment), and UNNITI (a women's foundation in India). She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work on women's health and philanthropy, and in 2005 she was among one thousand women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Ms. Murray has one daughter, who is an attorney in California, and two grandchildren. She lives in Menlo Park, California.