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IU Institute Director Receives Distinguished Achievement Award from Disabilities Association

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – David Mank, Director of Indiana University's Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, has been named the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award from the [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#). The Distinguished Achievement Award is the highest accolade presented by the association and is given to individuals or organizations making distinguished lifetime contributions to people with disabilities and their families. Mank received his award Dec. 4 in conjunction with the association's national conference in Washington, D.C. Past recipients have included Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and disability advocate Justin Dart.

Mank is also a Professor in the [School of Education](#) at IU Bloomington and is a prolific writer and researcher. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and book chapters and is a member of the editorial boards of Research and Practice for Persons With Severe Disabilities, the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Journal of Disability Policy Studies and Siglo Cero. He is associate editor for the journal Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Mank is past president of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities and served on the board of directors of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He was a founding board member of APSE and was recipient of the Franklin Smith Award for National Distinguished Service from The Arc of the United States.

The [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#) is a membership organization that supports and promotes a national network of university-based interdisciplinary programs. Network members consist of 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, 43 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Programs and 15 Intellectual and Developmental Disability Research Centers.

The [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#), Indiana's University Center for Excellence on Disabilities, works to increase community capacity in disability through academic instruction, research, dissemination and training, and technical assistance.

The Indiana Institute receives support from the [Office of the Vice Provost for Research](#) at Indiana University Bloomington, which is dedicated to supporting ongoing faculty research and creative activity,

developing new multidisciplinary initiatives and maximizing the potential of faculty to accomplish path-breaking work.