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### UMSL scholar receives Eminent Career Award

Mark Pope, professor and chair of the Division of counseling and Family Therapy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, received the Eminent Career Award from the National Career Development Association. The award, the highest and most prestigious honor in the career counseling profession, was presented earlier this month during the association's Global Conference in Washington, D.C.

"I am honored to have received this award," Pope said. "This prestigious honor is one that many in my profession strive for. I have dedicated my career to helping others and to be recognized for that work is truly humbling."

Spencer Niles, professor and head of the Department of Counselor Education, Counseling Psychology and Rehabilitation Services at The Pennsylvania State University in State College said, "Dr. Pope is richly deserving of this award, the most important award in our profession. I can think of no other person who has made this quality of contribution to our field."

Pope, of University City, Mo., has served as president of the American Counseling Association, National Career Development Association, and Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling.

He also served as editor of the preeminent journal in career counseling and development, The Career Development Quarterly. He has written six books, 31 book chapters, 36 journal articles and made more than 130 professional presentations.

Pope is a Fellow of the National Career Development Association; American Counseling Association; American Psychological Association; Society of Counseling Psychology; Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues; and Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues.

The NCDA has honored one deserving individual annually with the coveted Eminent Career Award since 1966. Recipients are selected based on overall contributions to the field of career development.

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Mark Pope