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**Assistant Professor in School of Education at Johns Hopkins University
Selected as Emerging Leader**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Jennifer Cuddapah, an assistant professor in the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, has been selected as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators under age 40 from across the globe for their leadership and vision in the field of education. A review committee composed of past PDK Emerging Leaders selected this year's 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at the 2012 PDK International Conference, honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Recognizing the achievements and commitment of these young leaders is vital to PDK's vision of cultivating tomorrow's great educators," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "These inspiring individuals will provide a very bright future for the field of education."

At Johns Hopkins University, Cuddapah has taught courses in human development, learning, diversity, and children's literature. She served as assistant chair for the university's Department of Teacher Preparation and was the program coordinator for the JHU School of Education's partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland.

"Teaching is integral to who I am," Cuddapah said. "My love of the profession inspires me to want to lead by example for others who are just beginning in the field."

As a doctoral student, Cuddapah was part of a team of three women who wrote, published, and taught an 18-session new teacher cohort professional development curriculum aimed at retaining and improving the quality of new teachers in New York City. She currently serves as a reviewer for several education journals, including *Current Issues in Education*, *Journal of Teacher Education*, and the *NASSP Bulletin*.

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