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Dan Habib (pronounced “Habeeb”) is the creator of the award-winning documentary films [Including Samuel](#), [Who Cares About Kelsey?](#), [Mr. Connolly Has ALS](#), and many other [short films](#) on disability-related topics. Habib is a filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability. His newest documentary, [Intelligent Lives](#), examines our society’s narrow perceptions of intelligence.



Including Samuel was broadcast nationally on public television stations in the fall of 2009, and *Who Cares About Kelsey?* aired on public television in the fall of 2013. Both films were nominated for Emmy awards. *Including Samuel* has been translated into 17 languages and is used as a teaching tool worldwide.

Before joining UNH in April of 2008, Habib was the photography editor of the *Concord Monitor* (NH). In 2006 and 2008, he was named the national Photography Editor of the Year and has been a judge of the Pulitzer Prizes and the Best of Photojournalism. He is a six-time New Hampshire photographer of the year and his freelance work has appeared in *Time*, *Newsweek*, and the *New York Times*. In 2012, Habib received the Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association, and in 2013 he received the Justice for All Grassroots Award from the American Association of People with Disabilities. In November 2013, Habib delivered a TEDx talk titled “[Disabling Segregation](#)” on the benefits of inclusion to students without disabilities.

From 2014-2017, Habib served on President Barack Obama’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities—a committee that promotes policies and initiatives that support independence and lifelong inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

Habib and his wife, Betsy, live in Concord, NH, with their sons, Isaiah, 24, and Samuel, 20.

The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 to provide a university-based focus for the improvement of knowledge, policies, and practices related to the lives of persons with disabilities and their families.

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