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Daniel R. Rajczyk

Founder/President



Diagnosed with Learning Disability when he was a child, Daniel did not learn that he had Asperger's Syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder associated with Autism, until the early 2000s.

Daniel earned his B.A. in Sociology and Media Studies at The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA and his M.A. in Information Technology at Endicott College, Beverly, MA. It was while studying at Endicott that Daniel first began formulating ideas about a nonprofit organization that was to become Asperger Works. His difficulties in finding and maintaining appropriate employment drove him to make his dream a reality.

Adam Rajczyk

Board of Directors - Treasurer



Adam Rajczyk is a founding member of Asperger Works and is its treasurer. Mr. Rajczyk is a government disability professional who has been working as a part-time consultant since his retirement in 2002.

He received his education in Poland (a country he left in 1968) and in the United States. Adam has made himself completely accessible to Asperger Works. He has been extremely supportive of Daniel as he grew from a child to adulthood and is proud of all his achievements

M. Eva Rajczyk

Board of Directors - Secretary



Eva is another family member involved with Asperger Works. She arrived in the United States with her family as a child in 1959 after a harrowing escape from her native Hungary and two years in Montreal.

She received her B.A. in Social Studies and History from Salem State College and her M.S. Ed in Instructional Technology from Lesley University. She spent 25 years teaching high school students and still considers herself to be a teacher even after 13 years in retirement.

Eva is an active member of a number of civic organizations in Haverhill, MA. But her greatest effort and passion goes to advocating for Asperger Works to ensure that the organization will be around as long as adults on the high end of the Autism Spectrum are in need of its services.



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Andrew DeCarlo

Board of Directors



Andrew was diagnosed with Autism in early childhood. As a result, he brings to Asperger Works a deep and personal understanding of the issues that all Autistic people, in particular, those with Asperger's, face in the workplace. He is committed to helping Autistic people find appropriate and fulfilling employment.

Besides working with Asperger Works, he is also an active member of ASAN (the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network), a national organization that advocates for all disabled individuals especially those with Autism.

Marion Donahue

Board of Directors



Marion is the newest member of our Board and is also this year's Event Coordinator.

She comes to us from Pentucket Bank where she is an Assistant Vice President and Senior Branch Manager at the bank's North Andover branch. She received the bank's Community Service Award in 2013 and is an active participant in various community organizations. Initially, she joined Asperger Works as our Fiscal Advisor. Marion attended Rivier College where she earned an Associate's degree in Art and

Fashion Design. She continued her schooling at Hesser College earning a degree in Business Management.

She enjoys volunteering at local nonprofits like Asperger Works; and, in her spare time, she does gardening. In addition, Marion is a talented painter.

Eric Janowski

Board of Directors



Eric is the youngest member of our organization. He is an Associate Accountant with LitmanGerson Associates, LLP and is in the process of becoming certified as a CPA.

He received his education at Merrimack College (Bachelors in Business Administration) and the University of Massachusetts Amherst (Masters in Accounting).

Eric hopes that his experiences in the accounting field will allow him to "enhance the prosperity" of our organization.

Thomas "Woody" Wood

Board of Directors



Besides the Rajczyk family, Woody is the longest serving Board member of Asperger Works. He joined the organization in order to be a liaison between us and other nonprofits dealing with issues that people on the Autism

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Spectrum face. He brought us his personal knowledge of the difficulties faced by disabled adults, especially those with Asperger's Syndrome. Woody was diagnosed with Asperger's only about 12 years ago but has faced adversity all his life since he also suffers from Cerebral Palsy. He is a powerful advocate for our organization and for the disabled community. He is not afraid to confront influential politicians if he feels that such a challenge would benefit those he advocates for.

He received his engineering degree from Wentworth Institute but found it difficult to find permanent employment in his field. As a result, like many Aspies, he has a spotty employment record. After being passed over for jobs that he was clearly qualified for, he decided to go on full disability in order to be able to survive in today's economy.

Lisa S. Rajczyk

Volunteer Coordinator



Lisa is Daniel's sister, a founding member of our organization, and a major advocate of Asperger Works. Lisa was one of the original members of our Board from which she resigned earlier

this year in order to follow her passion for working with young people in the role of Volunteer Coordinator.

Lisa received her B.A. from The Evergreen State College, Olympia and Tacoma, WA, where she specialized in educational law and advocacy. She earned her paralegal certification from WOLI (Washington Online

Learning Institute) and has completed other challenging coursework towards various certifications. Her goal is to earn her Masters degree in Special Education with emphasis on Autism.

Katalin M. Baltimore

Advisory Board



Kati, as she is known to family and friends, is Daniel's and Lisa's aunt and Eva's sister who resides in Orange, CT. She received her B.S. in Biology from Tufts University, her M.S. Ed in Counseling Psychology from Teacher's College, Columbia University, and M.S. in Library Science from Long Island University. Presently, she is the Librarian at the Jewish Community Center Library in Woodbridge, CT.

She is involved in many civic organizations in and around Orange. But her greatest passion is Asperger Works and serves as our go-to person for information about Asperger's.

E. Philip Brown

Advisory Board



Phil is a retired history teacher from Haverhill High School. He received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts, an M.S. in Applied Management from Lesley University, and is presently working towards his Ph.D.

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He has written a number of trivia books tied to his hometown of Haverhill, MA and is involved in many civic organizations based in Haverhill. He lives in Haverhill with his wife and two sons. He is Asperger Works' idea man suggesting ways to find funding and different activities he feels would be beneficial to our organization.

Richard Rodriguez Advisory Board



Richard Rodriguez is an advocate for people with disabilities. Richard grew up in a housing project in New York City and has first-hand knowledge of the

difficulties faced by children with disabilities, having been a victim of bullying due to his speech and hearing difficulties.

Today Richard practices law in the Merrimack Valley area and serves as the president of the Lawrence Commission on Disability and as Advisory Board Member to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

He earned his B.A. from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a Postgraduate Public Policy Certificate from the Coro Foundation, and his J.D. degree from the Massachusetts School of Law.

He brings to Asperger Works his knowledge of disability Law and his belief that everyone deserves a chance to succeed in life

according to his/her knowledge without fear of discrimination. Attorney Rodriguez was selected to serve as Alumni Speaker at John Jay College in order to motivate and inspire similarly disadvantaged students.

Linda Thomson Advisory Board



Linda is a realtor with Keller Williams serving families in Greater Middlesex County with their real estate needs. Growing up in a military family, Linda lived in

various location in the US as well as abroad; but with parents born and raised in Boston, she has always considered Massachusetts her "home base."

Prior to joining Keller Williams, Linda worked at one of the nation's largest banks helping clients with their savings and lending needs. Earlier in her career, she held marketing and public relations positions in various industries including technology, banking, and fashion.

Linda currently lives in Wilmington with two of her youngest children, Sam and Elisabeth. Her son was diagnosed with autism as a toddler and, with support of many dedicated professionals, he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Graphic Design in 2014.

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The mission of Asperger Works is

- to **educate employers** about the contributions adults with Asperger's Syndrome (AS) can make to their companies through employment; and
- to **help put adults with AS to work** by providing employment-related services and training in a caring and open environment.

In other words, our goal is to help adults with AS become self-supporting, valuable members of society through appropriate employment.

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