



## Michael John Carley



**Michael John Carley** is an author and national speaker on issues related to Asperger Syndrome. In addition to being an author, Mr. Carley serves as both the Executive Director of the Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership (GRASP), and the Executive Director of Asperger Syndrome Training & Employment Partnership (ASTEP). As the Executive Director of GRASP, the largest organization in the world comprised of adults on the autism spectrum, he has made over 70 paid speaking engagements to conferences, hospitals, universities, and health care organizations.

As the new Executive Director of ASTEP, he works with corporations raising awareness of the talents and needs of employees with Aspergers.

Mr. Carley has appeared in the media widely, most notably in the New York Times, Washington Post, NY Newsday, the London Times, the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the Chronicle of Higher Education, NEWSWEEK OnAir, ABCNews, BBC News, Psychology Today, and on radio with Terry Gross' Fresh Air, and The Infinite Mind. NPR News also aired a 12-minute story in June of 2006 that featured Mr. Carley and GRASP. He was also featured in the documentary, "On the Spectrum." His articles have been published in magazines such as Autism Spectrum News, Autism Spectrum Quarterly, TAP (The Autism Perspective), Autism/Asperger Digest; and in newsletters such as the OARacle. His first book, *Asperger's From the Inside Out: A Supportive and Practical Guide for Anyone with Asperger's Syndrome* (Penguin/Perigee), was released in April, 2008.

Until 2001, Mr. Carley was the United Nations Representative of Veterans for Peace, Inc. In that time, he was known primarily for his work in Bosnia, and in Iraq as the Project Director of the internationally acclaimed Iraq Water Project. Prior to 2001 he was a playwright who enjoyed 15 productions and 10 readings of his plays in New York. Mr. Carley received his B.A. from Hampshire College in 1986 and his M.F.A. from Columbia University in 1989. Along with his (then) 4-year old son, he was diagnosed with AS in November of 2000. He lives with his wife, Kathryn Herzog, and 2 sons in Brooklyn.