**NAME:** Samantha Craft

**TITLE:** Aspergers on Fire: A Journey of Self-Empowerment

**BIO:**

Samantha Craft, (aka Marcelle Ciampi), M.Ed. is the mother of three boys, one adult son who is on the autism spectrum. She is the lead job recruiter for [ULTRA Testing](http://ultratesting.us/), an autism educator, the author of the blog and book [*Everyday Aspergers*](https://www.amazon.com/Everyday-Aspergers-Samantha-Craft-ebook/dp/B01IGE6ZBE/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=), Selection Committee Chair at the [ANCA World Autism Festival](http://www.naturallyautistic.com/) and is active in autism groups locally and globally. Samantha serves as a guest speaker, workshop presenter, curriculum developer, neurodiversity recruitment specialist, and more. She is working on her second book *Autism in a Briefcase,* written to provide insight to employers and agencies about the neurodiverse talent pool. A former schoolteacher and advocate for children with special needs, she appreciates the skills and talents of autistics. Diagnosed with Aspergers in 2012, more people know Sam by *Sam* because it’s her community pen name.

**SUMMARY:**

Join Samantha Craft, a well-known autism educator and author, for a self-empowerment journey. As an adult with Aspergers, Craft offers a unique perspective in this audience-participation workshop, which includes misconceptions and myths, beneficial aptitudes and attributes, learning and thinking styles, barriers to success, effective self-advocacy, and more. Get ready to move, interact, and gain valuable insights about autism and empowerment!