



The Reading Tub, Inc.  
Historical Directory of Board Members  
& Advisors

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***Caron B. Goode, Director (2004-2006).*** Caron, a nationally certified and licensed professional counselor, has published numerous books and contributes articles regularly to parenting publications. Caron draws her insights from over fifteen years in private psychotherapy practice and thirty years' experience in the fields of education, personal empowerment, and therapy. These professional experiences and her personal experiences as a parent create Caron's refreshing and unique parenting approach, grounded in science yet easy and practical for parents to follow. She is the mother of one daughter.

***Eric E. Kleppinger, creative founder and VP for Family Reading and Education (2003-2005).*** Eric, the son of two educators, has been involved in education for more than eighteen years. In that time he has taught Russian to high school students, political science to college students, and various professional topics to investigators and analysts at the FBI National Academy. He served on the Citizen's Advisory Panel for the School Board in the City of Alexandria, VA, and was a founding participant in the PRIORITY program of early childhood development offered through the Infant-Family Day Care System of Northern Virginia. In 2004, he was appointed Adjunct Faculty to the FBI's College of Analytical Studies. Mr. Kleppinger holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University, and a Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College, both in Washington, DC. He and his wife Mary have two children.

***Laura C. Lenz, creative founder and VP for Parenting and Community Partnerships (2003-2005).*** Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Regis University and a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University. Beginning in her teenage years, Laura tutored youths and taught religion to children. After college, she worked in nonprofit educational associations for four years, gaining knowledge of nonprofit operations and volunteering with a college women's leadership conference. She subsequently accepted a position as an analyst with the FBI, where she planned and conducted training sessions within her area of expertise. Since leaving the FBI to stay home with her daughter, Laura has become active in early child development and literacy issues. She is using her nonprofit experience to contribute to educating children and involving their parents.

***Tara Paterson, Counsel to the Board (Parenting and Family Reading) (2005-present).*** Tara has been building bridges with moms and families for many years. Her passion first revealed itself with [JustforMom.com](http://JustforMom.com), a Web site business with advice, ideas, and resources designed

to “touch each Mom’s life, one Mom at a time.” In 2003, she created *Moms In Print*, a resource to assist, educate, and guide mom writers to realize their dream of being a published author; and in July 2004, Ms. Paterson launched her 501(c)3 non-profit, the [Just For Mom Foundation](#). The Foundation has been involved with projects that involve a grassroots effort to support the *Reading Rainbow*. It has also created the prestigious *Mom’s Choice Awards*<sup>™</sup>, which sponsors a children's book award program to select particularly worthy titles for parents and families.