Empowerment of People with Disabilities

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Fun things I do: I eat. (& Quad Rugby)
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- B.S., St. Mary’s College, 1965
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- University of Washington, 1971 – present
  - Theoretical Computer Science (35 years)
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- Fun
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- Research – CS Education, Visualization, Tools
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- Autism, Verbal-based learning disability
- Fun - hiking, baking, write Wikipedia pages
Why is empowerment in higher education important for people with disabilities?
Our personal journey towards empowerment
How can people with disabilities feel empowered, especially in an academic setting?
How can allies support and contribute towards empowerment of people with disabilities?
What are some of the assistive and accessible technologies that students with disabilities can use in an academic setting?
Questions?
Final Thoughts
Thanks for coming!