

NAVAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ENGR 3109: Navy STEM Professional Development Seminar

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

URI, Avedisian Hall 170 ~ Live Streaming to UCONN

“I’M A PEOPLE PERSON! – WHY COMMUNICATION SKILLS & POLICY KNOWLEDGE MATTER”

DESCRIPTION: Erik will discuss the importance of communication skills to researchers and engineers and how national policy effects science and technology. “You may be surprised where your career may take you.”

ERIK BRINE, DEFENSE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM EXAMINER

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Erik currently serves as the Program Examiner on Defense Science and Technology Programs for the Executive Office of the President in the Office of Management and Budget’s National Security Division. In this capacity he provides oversight and analysis for the \$94 billion of Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation programs and policy across the Defense Department. Prior to the White House, Erik served at the State Department as a Congressional Affairs Advisor supporting the bureaus of Political Military Affairs, International Security and Nonproliferation, Arms Control Verification and Compliance, Counter- terrorism, Conflict Stability Operations, and Intelligence and Research. Previously, as a Presidential Management Fellow he spent a year in the Office of Senator Tim Kaine, advising on defense and veteran issues and time in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs leading the organization’s congressional administration and outreach functions. As a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve he serves as a liaison to the state of Rhode Island and previously supported the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs as IMA to the Director of Pentagon Press Operations. Before spending several years in various Pentagon offices as both a civilian and reservist working Foreign Military Sales and Security Cooperation issues, Erik spent 10 years as an Active Duty Air Force pilot flying C-17 and C-21 aircraft. He has logged over 100 combat sorties in Iraq and Afghanistan and flown missions into 56 countries. Erik holds a Master of Policy Management from Georgetown’s McCourt School of Public Policy, Master of Science in Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Master of Arts in National Security and Strategy from the Naval War College, and a Bachelor’s in Physics from Boston University.

Additionally, Erik remains heavily involved in veteran advocacy and his community serving as co-founder of Operation Encore: A Veteran Music Project, the McCourt School Alumni Board, and the Military Officers Association of America Currently Serving Advisory Council. He resides in Jamestown, RI with his wife and four children.

Upcoming Distinguished Seminars

 **PIERRE CORRIVEAU & SCOTT ALLISON**
RAYTHEON
NOVEMBER 28TH @ 5PM
URI - AVD HALL 170

 **Brandon Casper**
Naval Submarine
Medical Research
Laboratory
December 5th @ 5PM
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