

Center for Advanced Studies Lunchtime Scholarship Seminar Series

You are cordially invited to the Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) Lunchtime Scholarship Seminar on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016** at the **Officers' Club**. Come hear about the research and scholarship being done by your fellow faculty!

CDR Russ Bowman, from the **Department of Humanities**, will be presenting "Strengthening Critical Infrastructure Resilience by Identifying and Redressing Recurring Gaps and Systemic Barriers". This seminar will be presented at a level where all faculty and staff will be able to understand. Also find out about other upcoming CAS Lunchtime Scholarship Seminars.

A social time will begin at 1145; you can use this time to catch up with fellow faculty from across the campus. The presentation will commence around 1210 and will conclude in time for everyone to make their afternoon classes.

Lunch costs \$8 and can be paid at the door. Please **RSVP** by COB on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016** to **Dr. Elizabeth Rivero** at Elizabeth.G.Rivero@uscga.edu

Abstract: CDR Bowman's work explores the concept of disaster "resilience" in the context of homeland security, in general, and critical infrastructure, in particular, as assessed at local and regional levels. It features two related, but distinct research foci: (1) identifying and exploring recurring "resilience gaps," and (2) identifying and exploring systemic barriers that allow such gaps to emerge, or to persist. Employing content analysis and cross-case synthesis of 33 in-depth case studies generated by the Department of Homeland Security's Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP), CDR Bowman explores the ability of – and challenges with using – the concept of resilience as an operational construct for reducing "all hazards" risk and improving homeland security more broadly.

