Dr. Bermes, a retired U.S. Army veteran, researcher, and former social work professor will discuss the identification, care, and integration of our veterans now entering our classrooms at an increased rate of matriculation. The presentation will address identifying veterans with challenges (mental health, sexual assault, substance use, early-life traumas, to name a few), building relationships, developing collaborative community-based partnerships, ensuring a high graduation rate within this unique group of students. Additionally, he will provide a narrative regarding issues facing our modern veterans, not typically addressed through the media. This is presented through the lens of our drawdown in both Iraq and Afghanistan and the quickly changing geopolitical global environment.

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