Title: Ukraine: A Diplomatic Perspective Speaker: Mr. Walter Braunohler, State Department Faculty Advisor, U.S. Naval War College Date: 3 October 2022 Time: 1200-1315 Where: Conolly Conference Room, C-138 POC: Mr. Walter Braunohler

## SYNOPSIS:

Walter Braunohler will talk about his experience posted to the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine until it was evacuated in early 2022, explain the run-up of diplomacy before the war, and why Ukraine is strategically important to the United States and the rest of the world.

## **BIO:**

Walter Braunohler has been a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State for over 20 years. He has served in Ukraine, Poland, Thailand, Sudan, Australia, Iraq, and in Washington, D.C. He is graduate of the University of Michigan and the U.S. Naval War College, and is currently the senior State Department faculty advisor to the Naval War College. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the U.S. Naval War College, Mr. Braunohler speaks Thai, Polish and Ukrainian, and is originally from western Michigan.