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## SCIENCE CENTER'S NEXT CAFÉ SCI EVENT EXAMINES SELF-DRIVING CARS UBER ENGINEER WILL TALK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR COMPUTERIZED COMMUTES

**PITTSBURGH, July 28, 2017** — As city populations increase, will computers help humans in the construction of safer ways to travel? Could the future of transportation in the United States be one of self-driving cars and computer assisted commutes? Join the discussion with an engineer at the forefront of this technology at Carnegie Science Center's next **Café Sci** event.

Brian Zajac is Director of Hardware Engineering at Uber. Zajac will discuss his work with artificial intelligence and the future of autonomous vehicles on **Monday**, **Aug. 7** from **7-9 pm** at the Science Center.

Zajac has over a decade of experience designing robotic systems for corporations and government agencies. His systems have operated on military bases, offshore oil refineries, and in underground mines around the world. Zajac joined Uber in 2015 as part of the company's Advanced Technologies Group. His work includes designing cameras for data collection cars and the configuration of cameras, LiDAR, radars, and other sensors for some of the first autonomous vehicles.

Admission to Café Sci is free. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Doors open at 6 pm and the event lasts from 7–9 pm. The evening includes time for informal discussion, eating, and drinking with a cash bar.

For more information and to register, visit <u>CarnegieScienceCenter.org</u> or call 412.237.3400.

## **About Carnegie Science Center**

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