**9th Annual Inclusion in Science, Learning a New Direction, Conference (ISLAND) on Disability**

The 9th annual Inclusion in Science, Learning a New Direction, Conference (ISLAND) on disability is just around the corner! Come learn about innovative research that seeks to integrate persons with disabilities into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields of study from researchers and practitioners in the field. The conference will also include current professionals from the field that will present Enrichment programs and other research they are currently engaged in promoting access to technology in the STEM Education Industry. Network with these Twenty-First Century innovators who are promoting inclusion and equity in STEM opportunities.

The conference will be held on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Bowen Hall located on Prospect Drive on the Princeton University campus in Princeton, New Jersey. The conference will begin on Friday, September 14 with a reception that will begin at 6:30 PM. This reception will be followed by a keynote address by Michael Hingson who is himself totally blind. He will tell his story about how he survived the World Trade Center tragedy in 2001. His blindness skills and himself being a scientist did pay dividends in his successful escape, but the countless others he also helped to get out.

The conference will then continue on the morning of Saturday, September 15 with a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM and conclude by 5:30 PM. Conference registration is $20 in advance and $30 after September 1. Attendees can register by going to: http://independencescience.com/island\_registration/ Please note, pre-registration is necessary for meal planning preferences. Therefore, onsite registration may not guarantee meal options of your choice, therefore we strongly recommend pre-registration if possible.

 If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the program coordinator,

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Island Conference!