

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS
Intensive University Seminar
Session One – Fall 2014
Thursday, October 2nd, 2014, 2:30pm-5:00pm
TBD, Thwing Center**

Knowing Your Voting Rights

Purpose

The purpose of this University Seminar is to review the importance of voting with the Provost Scholars and introduce mechanisms that encourage their participation in civic and political processes. A secondary purpose of the presentation is to increase their voter knowledge. Ms. Shakyra Diaz, a policy manager for the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, is the lead presenter for today's lecture.

Presenter Biography



Ms. Shakyra Diaz is a policy manager for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio. She works on public policy campaigns, legislative advocacy, coalition building initiatives, and impact programming. Ms. Diaz has overseen the organization's Spanish language translation and its award-winning summer internship program. She has also worked on initiatives that brought reforms in drug law policies, selective enforcement, youth and police relations and voting rights for currently and formerly incarcerated people. Ms. Diaz received her bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University in

Communication Sciences and Sociology with a concentration in social inequity. **To learn more about Ms. Diaz, please visit: <http://www.acluohio.org/about/staff-profiles>**

Objectives

Provost Scholars will

- (1) Participate in one-on-one tutoring with an undergraduate student volunteer from the Step Up Program.
- (2) Learn from Ms. Shakyra Diaz about voting rights in the United States.
- (3) Engage in thoughtful conversations about the importance and privilege of voting.

Agenda

- Ms. Diaz will speak to the Provost Scholars about Voting Rights in the United States
- New Word of the Week

Faculty

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Coach Dennis Harris
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Michaela Epperson, Student
- Johnna Beversdorf, Student

Guest

- Ms. Shakyra Diaz, policy manager for the ACLU

Word of the Week: Virtuoso

Concierge and Matre'D

- Provost Scholars Tommy Bibb and Bryanne Coleman
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served