

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS
Intensive University Seminar
Session Fifteen – Spring 2016
Thursday, February 18, 2015, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106**

Purpose

The Provost Scholars will participate in a second writing lecture with Drs. Brie Parkin and Jessica Birch. Dr. Parkin, who is the Assistant Director of Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Writing Center and a lecturer in English, and Dr. Birch, who is a SAGES¹ and English lecturer, will conduct a workshop focusing on sentence structure, paragraph formation, and other techniques to improve grammar and essay writing.

Presenters' Biography



Dr. Jessica Birch obtained her PhD in American Studies from Purdue University with a focus in Theory and Cultural Studies, as well as her graduate certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She also has a master's degree in English from Indiana University South Bend. Prior to becoming part of CWRU's English Department and the SAGES Program in the fall of 2015, she taught composition and creative writing at Ivy Tech Community College, gender studies and composition at Indiana University South Bend and American Studies courses at Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana). Lastly, she is the area chair for Race & Ethnicity, as well as for Popular Culture & Pedagogy, for the Midwest Popular Culture Association. For more information about Dr. Jessica Birch, please visit: <http://artsci.case.edu/faculty/jessica-birch/>.

Dr. Brie Parkin is the Assistant Director of the Writing Resource Center and a full-time lecturer in the English/SAGES Department at CWRU. She graduated from the University of Delaware with doctoral and master's degrees in English, and obtained a bachelor's degree in English and History from Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey). She currently studies late medieval English literature and is most interested in understanding how merchants and artisans of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries experienced their material world. Dr. Parkin also designs courses so that students can interact with music, film, and objects to better understand material world texts and audiences' passions, desires, and fears. For more information about Dr. Parkin, please visit: <http://english.case.edu/faculty/gabrielle-parkin/>.

Objectives

The Provost Scholars will...

- (1) Improve their writing, grammar, and editorial skills by learning common mistakes made in scholarly and academic writing
- (2) Practice writing exercises with CWRU Writing Resource Center staff members
- (3) Receive online tools and resources to assist with future writing assignments and projects

Agenda

- 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Hors d'oeuvres will be served
2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Tutoring Hour
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: Brief Intermission
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Seminar speakers, Drs. Brie Parkin and Jessica Birch
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up and Questions

Faculty & Staff

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Haruna Suleman, Program Assistant
- Undergraduate Tutors

Guest

Drs. Brie Parkin and Jessica Birch

¹ Seminar Approach to General Education and Scholarship (SAGES)

Word of the Week: Mock Review. What does it mean? To simulate the actual review of a paper, research text, written submission or publication. The submission of a mock review tests the reviewer's knowledge of grammar, critical thinking skills and knowledge of the given subject.

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- Provost Scholars Anthony Price and Maranda Priah