

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS
University Seminar
Session Fourteen
Thursday, March 20th, 2014, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Spartan Room, Thwing Center**

The Mississippi Summer Project of 1964: Youth Activism Then and Now

Purpose

The purpose of this University Seminar is to take the Provost Scholars students back in time to the Freedom Summer of 1964 to learn about the organizing activities of youth activists to register black voters in Mississippi. A discussion on the purpose and responsibility of voting on the local, state, and national levels will follow the lecture.

Presenter Biography



Dr. Rhonda Williams has an extensive academic history at Case Western Reserve and has published several books, including *Teaching the American Civil Rights Movement: Freedom's Bittersweet Song* and *The Politics of Public Housing: Black Women's Struggles Against Urban Inequality*. She is also the director of the Social Justice Institute and founder and director of the postdoctoral fellowship in African American studies at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Williams received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and her undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Agenda

- Dr. Rhonda Williams will lead a discussion on the Mississippi Summer Project of 1964
- Discussion on the responsibility of voting on the local, state, and national levels
- How Americans express their opinions and beliefs through voting
- New Word of the Week

Faculty

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Coach Dennis Harris
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Xinyi Xu, Student

Guest

- Dr. Rhonda Williams, Associate Professor of History

Word of the Week: Abecedary

Fun Fact: There were over 1,000 out-of-state volunteers involved in the Freedom Summer alongside thousands of black Mississippians. The volunteers received their training in two one-week orientation sessions at Western College for Women (Miami University) in **Oxford, Ohio.**

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- Provost Scholars Leonardo Armstrong and Dominick Wallace
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served