

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROVOST SCHOLARS  
University Seminar  
Session Twelve  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
2:30pm-5:00pm  
Meeting Room A, Second Floor  
Thwing Center**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this University Seminar is to introduce students to study abroad opportunities available at CWRU and other universities. Also, our guest lecturer, Dr. Kenneth F. Ledford, an associate professor of history and law, will provide them with an interesting historical perspective of modern German history.

**Presenter Biography**



Dr. Ledford is a social historian of modern Germany, specializing in German history from 1789 to the present. His other research interests include the history of the European middle classes, the history of the professions, European legal history and other processes of class formation including German and European labor history. Dr. Ledford is also a published author with his most recent publication, *From General Estate to Special Interest: German Lawyers 1878 – 1933*, focusing on the Prussian judiciary between 1818 and 1918. His focus is to develop a clearer analysis of the complex interplay among state, civil society, and the ideology of the state ruled by law.

In addition to serving as a history and law professor, he is the co-director of the Max Kade Center for German Studies (2009 – Present) and editor of the *Central European History* magazine. Dr. Ledford completed his bachelor's and law degree at the University of North Carolina and graduated from The Johns Hopkins University in 1989 with a master's and doctorate in History. For more information about Dr. Ledford visit: <http://history.case.edu/faculty/kenneth-f-ledford>

**Objectives**

**Provost Scholars will:**

- (1) Learn about modern German History and study abroad opportunities.
- (2) Reflect on study abroad opportunities and complete a short exercise to test their cultural knowledge.

**Agenda**

- Dr. Kenneth Ledford will present on German history and study abroad opportunities
- Discussion and Q&A
- Short cultural exercise
- New Word of the Week

**Faculty**

- Dr. Faye Gary, Absent on Professional Travel
- Dennis Harris
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Xinyi Xu, Student

**Guest**

- Dr. Kenneth Ledford, Associate Professor of History and Law

**Word of the Week: Exuberant**

**Concierge and Matre'D**

- Provost Scholars Leonardo Armstrong and Amber Henderson