

The Provost Scholars Program

University Intensive Seminar – Session 1

Incorporating Human Rights into Systems Thinking

Date: January 23, 2020 | 2:30PM - 5:00PM | Guilford House Dining Room

Purpose

The goal of this seminar is to familiarize students with the right to science, systems thinking, and how both concepts are necessary for making ethical and sustainable engineering and policy decisions. Questions to be discussed will include: What is a societal problem that would benefit from a systems thinking approach? How could you incorporate human rights when defining the system for that problem?

Presenter: Mr. Bill Lenart



Bill Lenart received his BSE from CWRU in 2013 is currently a 7th year PhD candidate in Macromolecular Science and Engineering. When he is not working in the lab developing a new platform for characterizing nanoparticles, he is advocating for an inclusive vision of science based on the human right to science. In 2016, he founded the CWRU Science and Human Rights Coalition to actively promote the right to science and has written and presented extensively on the topic. His advocacy has brought him to Congress and the Ohio Statehouse, and he brings these experiences to the classroom to help students understand the broader impact of their scientific knowledge and training.

Objectives

At the end of the seminar, the Provost Scholars will:

- Identify at least three basic concepts of systems thinking.
- Determine at least two ways in which human rights fit into systems thinking.

Agenda

- 2:30 - 3:50 pm: Tutoring
- 3:50 - 4:00 pm: Break
- 4:00 - 4:50 pm: University Intensive Seminar
- 5:00 pm: Transport to Shaw High School

SAT/ACT Word of the Week

characteristic [kar-ik-tuh-ris-tik] *n.*: a distinguishing feature or quality.

ex.: A common **characteristic** of a Provost Scholar is his or her insatiable desire to learn!

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