

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS  
PROVOST SCHOLARS  
Intensive University Seminar  
Session Fourteen – Spring 2018  
February 8, 2018  
2:30 - 5:00pm  
Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106**

**Seminar Title: *Writing Personal Narratives for College and University Essays***

**Purpose:** The purpose of this presentation is to help the Provost Scholars learn how to best represent themselves and their accomplishments in their personal statement essays for application to college/university, career and technical institutes or for other scholarships and awards.

**Presenter Biography:**



**Megan Swihart Jewell, Ph.D.**, is an Instructor of English at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and serves as Director of the CWRU Writing Resource Center. She is also a Core Teaching and Research faculty member in the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Dr. Jewell's research areas include Writing Studies and Twentieth and Twenty-First Century American poetics. She is the author of several publications on writing centers as well as feminist poetics in peer-reviewed journals and edited collections. Her teaching takes place among the writing program, Gender Studies, and English, with recent courses focusing on American working-class writing, feminism and body image, feminist poetics, and masculinity in America.

**Objectives: At the end of the session, the Provost Scholars will be able to:**

- (1) Identify characteristics of the audience of college and university admissions officers who will evaluate their personal narratives, college/university, or career technical institute applications, and describe how to adequately represent themselves in their essays.
- (2) Use appropriate style and compelling content in their personal statement essays.

**Agenda**

2:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.: Tutoring

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Brief Intermission

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Dr. Megan Swihart Jewell, Instructor of English and Director of the CWRU Writing Resource Center

5:00 p.m.: Transportation to the Provost Scholars' Homes

**Faculty & Staff**

- Dr. Faye Gary, Program Director
- Ms. Katrice Williams, Program Coordinator
- Mr. David Van Leer, Volunteer, and Retired Principal
- Mr. Brandon Vu, Graduate Work Study Student, School of Medicine
- CWRU Tutors

**Word of the Week:**

- **Scholarship:** knowledge acquired by study or the academic attainments of a Provost Scholar.
- **Sentence:** A foundation or college/university can grant a sum of money, financial aid or a ***scholarship*** to a student to pursue his or her studies.
- **Reference:** Webster's All-In-One Dictionary and Thesaurus (2013). Springfield: Merriam-Webster, Inc.

**Concierge and Maître'd:** Jonathan Clay and Shalynn Gonzalez-Scruggs