

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS**

**Intensive University Seminar
Session Sixteen – Spring 2017
Thursday, March 2, 2017
2:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106

Seminar Title: Writing as an Act of Social Justice: The Example of Three Black Writers – August Wilson, Toni Morrison, and Margot Lee Shetterly

Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to discuss the value of critical thinking and writing as an approach to examining social justice. Dr. Mobley will present the narratives from three famous Black writers, and apply basic themes from their work to acts of social justice in local and national communities.

Presenter Biography



Appointed in 2009 as the inaugural Vice President for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity at Case Western Reserve University, Marilyn Sanders Mobley, PhD, provides strategic leadership for the university-wide effort to develop and sustain a welcoming environment for faculty, students, staff, and alumni. Prior to her appointment at CWRU, she served as Provost at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Mobley founded and directed the African American Studies Program at George Mason University while also serving as a tenured professor for 19 years. She is a published author and Toni Morrison scholar, and currently serves as a lay minister at Arlington Church of God in Akron, Ohio.

Objectives: At the end of this presentation, the Provost Scholars will be able to:

- (1) Name one basic theme from the narratives of each of the Black writers and relate them to their own academic goals.
- (2) Describe the writer's narrative that is most captivating and critically think about how/why it has meaning for them.

Agenda

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Hors d'oeuvres will be served

2:40 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.: Tutoring

3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Brief Intermission

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Seminar Lecture and Discussion, Dr. Marilyn Sanders Mobley

Guest: Dr. Marilyn Sanders Mobley, Vice President for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity, Case Western Reserve University

Word of the Week: Narrative (*noun*): A detailed written or oral description of events that have occurred. The events can be generated from fact or fiction.

Source: Adapted from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/narration>.

Example Sentence: The Provost Scholars have recently written *narratives* about two books, *Fences* and *Hidden Figures*.

Concierge and Maître d': Christian Thompson and Bre-Yonna Scales