

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROVOST SCHOLARS
Intensive University Seminar
Session Twenty One – Spring 2015
Thursday, April 23rd, 2015, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106**

Purpose

The Provost Scholars will discuss the intersectionality¹ of race and class with Dr. Cassi Pittman, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University.

Presenter Biography



In the fall of 2014 Dr. Cassi L. Pittman, a native of East Cleveland, OH began her academic career as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Pittman received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her Ph.D. from Harvard University. Her scholarship examines issues of race, economics, and inequality. In her upcoming book tentatively titled *Black Privilege* she paints a picture of the everyday lives of middle-class African-Americans, examining their experiences and consumption preferences as displayed where they work, where they live, and where they socialize. To date she has published articles on Black consumers' experiences navigating the mortgage market and examining middle-class Blacks' attitudes about social mobility and racial progress after the election of President Barack Obama. She looks forward to initiating new research on race and economic inequality in Cleveland, the city where she was born and raised. For more information about Dr. Pittman's research, please visit:

<http://sociology.case.edu/faculty/cassi-pittman>.

Objectives

The Provost Scholars will...

- (1) Discuss the intersectionality of race and class and how these factors influence racial minorities' behavior in a market context
- (2) Understand how the lending practices of banks and other financial institutions influence African-Americans' selection of a financial lender, a mortgage (housing) loan, and neighborhood choice

Agenda

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: The Provost Scholars will have a light snack

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: The Scholars will receive Homework Help from Undergraduate Tutors

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Seminar Speaker, Dr. Cassi Pittman

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up, reflection and preparation for the journey home

Faculty

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Katrice Williams, Master's Student, Program Manager
- Imani Scruggs, Master's Student, Group Facilitator
- Undergraduate tutors from the Step Up Program and the African-American Society

Guest

- Dr. Cassi Pittman, Assistant Professor at CWRU

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- Provost Scholars Anthony Price and Octavia Taylor

Word of the Week: Intersectionality. What does it mean? The study of intersections between forms or systems of oppression, domination or discrimination.¹