

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROVOST SCHOLARS  
Intensive University Seminar  
Session Five – Fall 2014  
Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 2:30pm-5:00pm  
Guilford House, 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH 44106**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this University Seminar is to explore the life and history of Malcolm X. A secondary component of the seminar will focus on the student movements in the Northern, Midwestern and Western United States. Dr. Rhonda Williams, associate professor of history and director of the Social Justice Institute at Case Western Reserve University, will be presenting this lecture.

### **Presenter Biography**



Dr. Rhonda Williams is an associate professor of history and the director of the Social Justice Institute. She has also published two books, *The Politics of Public Housing: Black Women's Struggles against Urban Inequality* and *Teaching the American Civil Rights Movement: Freedom's Bittersweet Song*, and written numerous articles, essays and book chapters. Dr. Williams was awarded an American Association of University Women Postdoctoral Fellowship following her graduation from the University of Pennsylvania and is a former Harvard University W.E.B. DuBois Institute Fellow. Her research interests include the manifestations of race and gender inequality on urban space and policy, the history of low-income people's lives and activism, and illicit narcotics in the post-1940s United States. Dr. Williams received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her doctoral degree in history from the University of Pennsylvania. For more information about Dr.

Williams, visit: <http://history.case.edu/faculty/rhonda-y-williams>

### **Objectives**

#### **Provost Scholars will**

- (1) Learn about the life and history of Malcolm X
- (2) Study the student movements of the North, West and Midwest
- (3) Discuss how student and civil movements outside of the Southern states made an indelible impact on race relations and equality in America

### **Agenda**

- Discussion with Dr. Rhonda Williams about Malcolm X and student movements in the Civil Rights era
- New Word of the Week

### **Faculty**

- Dr. Faye Gary
- Coach Dennis Harris
- Undergraduate students from the Step Up Program and the African-American Society

**Word of the Week: Isonomy (equality before the law of the citizens of a state).** One of the highest ideals in American society is to ensure each citizen receives isonomy and unbiased judgment from their peers.

### **Concierge and Matre'D**

- Provost Scholars Jaymie Mullins and Jamar Allen
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served**