

## PROVOST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

### University Intensive Seminar – Session 21 Finding Your Voice Through Activism and Storytelling

Date: April 18, 2019 | 2:30 - 5:00PM | Guilford House Dining Room

#### Purpose

The Provost Scholars will go on an identity development journey to understand their roles in making the world a better place.

#### Presenter: Dr. Shemariah J. Arki



Dr. Shemariah J. Arki is an educator, an activist and an organizer. She is an instructor in the Department of Pan African Studies at Kent State University and the founder of the Ellipsis Institute for Women of Color in the Academy at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Arki received her BBA and MEd from the American Intercontinental University and her EdD from Northeastern University. As an auto/ethnographic researcher and creative non-fiction writer, her work centers on cultural epistemologies and the construction of a #BlackCommaFeminist pedagogy. Dr. Arki also serves as an editor for the forthcoming textbook, *Teaching Brilliant and Beautiful Black Girls*, curated to position classrooms as places of radical transformation and to amplify the voices of the Black girls who inhabit them. Dr. Arki also serves as the Founder and Lead Experience Curator for Sankofa Circle Studios, where she engages creative entrepreneurs by emphasizing one goal: lift as you climb.

#### Objectives

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

- Understand at least two ways identity affects roles and responsibilities.
- Understand the concept of identity development.

#### Agenda

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

#### ACT Word of the Week

**mundane** (muhn-deyn) *adj.*: common; ordinary; banal; unimaginative.

ex.: There is absolutely nothing **mundane** about the work the Provost Scholars do to achieve.