

University announces SAGES presidential fellows

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CLEVELAND—As part of its effort to transform liberal education, Case Western Reserve University recently announced a group of 13 individuals as its inaugural group of SAGES Presidential Fellows.

The Seminar Approach to General Education and Scholarship (SAGES) is an undergraduate experience designed to establish the foundations for academic inquiry. The program features small seminars and intensive advising, and incorporates seminars delivered by eminent scholars and accomplished experts in their fields. The fellows will lead seminars that contribute to the transformational learning environment Case is creating for its undergraduate student body. In addition, the fellows will be responsible for conveying a sense of responsibility and service to the students.

"The SAGES program being developed by our faculty is truly inspirational," said President Edward M. Hundert, M.D. "Through the creation of our Presidential Fellows program - funded entirely through alumni support - SAGES becomes not just an undergraduate initiative, but a higher education initiative as our undergraduates get the unique experience of intensive, intimate seminars led by our remarkable undergraduate faculty as well as faculty from our professional schools and the greater Cleveland community."

The Presidential Fellows include:

The Rev. Clover Reuter Beal - The associate director of the United Protestant Campus Ministries at Case, president of the Inter-Religious Council at Case, and dean of the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies, Beal will lead a seminar titled "Prophets, Mystics and Saints: Spiritual Biography and Autobiography."

Nathan A. Berger, M.D. - The former dean of the School of Medicine, Berger directs Case's Center for Science, Health and Society. His seminar is called "From DNA Structure to Social Structure."

Michael Cunningham, Ph.D. - The former curator of the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cunningham's seminar is "Visions of Landscape: East and West in Painting and Literature."

John Ferry, M.D. - The former acting president and CEO of University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ferry offers "The Impact of Recognition and Reward on Motivation and Success: Can We Go Too Far?"

Lee Fisher - Fisher is the president and CEO of the Center for Families and Children. His seminar is titled "Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Intersection."

Sam Fulwood III - An author and metro columnist for The Plain Dealer, Fulwood offers "Media Literacy, Racial Images, Pop Culture and Public Policy, Private Choices."

Mark Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D. - An associate professor and chair of Case's Department of Orthodontics in the School of Dentistry, Hans teaches a seminar called "Face First."

Richard B. Nelson, Ph.D. - A professor and head of music theory at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Nelson delivers "Beethoven and the Age of Revolution."

Wendy Shapiro, Ph.D./Lev Gonick, Ph.D./Roger Bielefeld, Ph.D.- The director of Case's Instructional Technology and Academic Computing programs, Case's vice president for information technology, and director of customer services, respectively, the team will offer a seminar known as "Living in the Symbolic World: Imagery and Information."

Chris Sheridan - The associate editor of The Plain Dealer editorial pages, Sheridan will lead "Sport and American Culture in the 20th Century."

James Simmelink, Ph.D. - Case's associate professor emeritus of Restorative Dentistry will deliver a seminar called "Forensic Sciences: How They Impact Your World."

For more information on the SAGES program, the Presidential Fellows, or their seminars, visit <http://www.cwru.edu/sages/fellows.htm>.

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