Introducing the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Peter Starr! Dr. Starr joined CAS in July of this year and we are all very excited to welcome him to our community. Previously, the Dean served as a Professor of French and Comparative Literature and interim Dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at the University of Southern California.

Since joining the AU community, Dean Starr has set great goals for the College’s undergraduate program including:

--Nurturing mentorship relations between the College’s outstanding faculty and its bright and engaged students,
--Creating a rich new array of overseas research experiences, and
--Building original research and creative activity into every facet of undergraduate life.

Show your College pride and give him a smile or wave when you see Dean Starr around campus! Or better yet, say hi at the Reception for Dean Starr on Thursday, 9/17 in Katzen! See the “Dates to Remember” section for details.

MEET THE DEAN

YOUR NEW PEER ADVISORS

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

CAS FUTURE FUNCTIONS

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STUDENT FAQ OF THE MONTH:

Q: What should I see a peer advisor about?
A: Peer advisors are a great resource for first and second year undecided students. They can address questions about course requirements, the advising process, choosing classes, and course registration. Peer advisors are also available to answer questions regarding choosing a major and can make referrals to other AU resources. Make your appointment online now or email CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu or call 202-885-3092. We look forward to meeting you!

AMBER AND ALEX

Amber Tollefson was raised in Minnesota and ended up in DC after serving 2 years with AmeriCorps *National Civilian Community Corps in Charleston, SC. This is Amber's second year at American University having transferred in the Fall of 2008. She is a sophomore in the Psychology program. Amber plans to continue her studies in Psychology after graduating from AU with the intent to pursue a career in student affairs. As a Peer Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences, she advises first and second year students with the last names L-Z.

Alex Rose-Henig is originally from Palo Alto, California and as a peer advisor he works with first and second year CAS students with the last names A-K. Alex is majoring in psychology and after graduation he hopes to apply to medical school. He also works as a therapist for autistic children, in the DC area. Alex is super excited to be joining the College’s advising team and meeting all of the students!

Win $5 in Eaglebucks! How many sessions are there in the “Whose Life is it Anyway?” Career Center workshop? The first three people to email CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu with the correct answer will win $5 in Eaglebucks.
Community service is an important part of the AU mission of “Ideas into action. Action into service.” It is also a great way to acquire new skills and develop old ones, gain personal insight, build your resume. It might even help you discover what you really love to do. The AU Community Service Center is a great resource for anyone looking for a way to lend a hand.

To get more information about service opportunities in our community and around the globe visit the Community Service Center at: www.american.edu/ocl/volunteer
Or dial: (202) 885-SERV (7378)

RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS: CAREER CENTER’S WORKSHOP
“WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?”

CAS undecided undergraduates who are looking for major inspiration should check out the Career Center’s 4-part series, “Whose Life is it Anyway?”
Choosing a major can be difficult, but the “Whose Life” workshops can help you gain some perspective. By examining your “interests, skills, personality, and work values” these workshops can help guide you in finding your passion in school and maybe even in life.

The first workshop is being held in the McKinley 155 Conference Room on Monday, October 19, 2009 from 3:30-5 PM.
Keep in mind that this is a 4-session workshop and you must attend all 4 sessions.
Space is limited, so you need to register by October 9th, 2009. Sign up now!
For more information or to register, visit the Career Center website: www.american.edu/careercenter, or call 202-885-1804.

Attention first and second year students!
Don’t forget: if you have a question, please stop by the Peer Advising office.
We are here to help!

Fall Office Hours
Alex Rose-Henig (A-K):
M 1-4pm
W 9-11am
TH 2-5pm
Amber Tollefson (L-Z):
MW 1-3:30pm
TF 3-5pm
Office Location:
Battelle 164

DATES TO REMEMBER

—9/16, 3:30-5pm, Battelle Atrium:
Dean’s reception for Honors 101 students.
—9/17, 3pm, Katzen Rotunda:
Dean Starr Welcome Reception.
Come meet our new dean!
—9/21: Last day to drop a class for a 25% refund.
Last day to add and independent study course.
Please see your advisor before dropping a course.
—9/24, 3:15-5:30pm, Battelle Atrium:
“Advisors are sweet!” Meet your CAS Advisors and Peer Advisors while enjoying homemade treats made by the advising staff.