Spotlight on Professor Alan Lichtman

Alan J. Lichtman graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brandeis, received his PhD from Harvard University, and is a professor and former chair of the Department of History. He has written seven books, including The Thirteen Keys to the Presidency. Using The Keys system, Dr. Lichtman has correctly predicted the popular vote outcome in every presidential election from 1984 to 2004.

Dr. Lichtman has been an expert witness in more than 75 federal voting rights and redistricting cases. As an expert for the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights he discovered the vast disparity in rates at which officials rejected ballots cast by blacks and whites in Florida’s 2000 presidential election. He has also worked on numerous cases for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He received the 1992-93 Scholar/Teacher award at American University, the University’s highest faculty award.

Getting Creative with the Writing Club!

Attention writers! The AU Writing Club brings together students, faculty and outside experts on a regular basis to workshop and share creative writing. Check out all that the Writing Club has to offer:

• An open, relaxed environment in which to write.
• Writers from the city and CAS literature department visit club meetings to broaden members’ knowledge base and introduce different styles of writing.
• In the coming weeks the club will be working with the British Writer’s Council and their Writer in Residence Program.

Want to join? The Writing Club meets every Friday from 6-7 pm.

Questions? Contact Kristen Luppino at kl5371a@american.edu.

FAQ of the Month

Can I “blue-card” into a class I need to take if it is closed?

No, the old “blue-card” system has been replaced by the Automated Waitlist Process, which allows students to place their names on a waitlist for closed sections in which they are eligible to enroll. When a space becomes available, an email is sent to the first student on the waitlist and they will have twenty-four hours to register for the course. Please visit http://american.edu/american/registrar/registration/waitlist.html for more information.

Additional Peer Advising Hours:

Need help with your Spring 2009 schedule but can’t get into the office during the week? CAS Peer Advisors will be holding additional advising hours from 3-5pm on Sunday, November 9 and Sunday, November 16 in the MGC Lounge/First Floor. Look for the CAS table banner. Come with your questions and spring schedules. You might just get a FREE CAS ipod holder!

Congratulations to October’s EagleBuck$ winners: Megan St. John, Amanda Krause, & Rebecca Prowler!

See below for your next chance to win!

WIN EAGLE BUCKS! Email CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu with a list of the institutions in the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area where AU students can enroll in courses. The first 3 students to respond with the correct information will receive $5 in Eagle Bucks!
Looking for a General Education course? Ask your peers.

AU student Emily Lagg describes LIT-105: The Literary Imagination

We contacted Emily Lagg (Freshman, intended literature major) to see what she thought about her Fall 2008 general education course, LIT 105: The Literary Imagination. Here's what she had to say:

“I signed up for Literary Imagination (LIT 105) to see if I wanted to major in literature. I expected it to be a pretty basic overview of Shakespeare, Homer, etc. However, in Professor Noble’s class I’ve been introduced to some incredible new books, such as Michael Chabon’s The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay. I also had the opportunity to delve into a favorite, Kurt Vonnegut’s Slaughterhouse Five, and met the author of the witty Washington-centric The Bowl is Already Broken, Mary Kay Zuravleff.

Classes have been a series of very open and enlightening discussions and have recently been entirely student based. Assignments have been unique creative writing exercises that provide brief opportunities to toy with a specific idea or concept. Professor Noble gives insightful and helpful feedback on how to hone the skills practiced in our assignments. So far, based on my experience in this class, I’m pretty confident I’ll end up a Literature major. Of course, maybe I was a bit biased from the beginning, but my feeling is that this is a great General Education course, even for students that might not be enthusiastic about the thought of an English class. The books are fresh and the discussions are interesting and help broaden your perception of what a good book does and why. Next, we are reading some Shakespeare, Twelfth Night, and attending the stage show as a class. I look forward to going, knowing my understanding of the play will be different because of this class.”

Spring 2009 Course Registration: Do you know what you are taking?

Spring Course Registration has begun! Check the Registrar’s Website to verify your registration date and find the schedule of classes for next semester. Keep in mind that you need to meet with your advisor and get cleared to register prior to your registration date. You can also meet with a peer advisor if you have any questions or concerns regarding Spring 2009 registration.

*Freshmen and Transfer students: Remember to sign up for and attend a Registration Workshop. Sign up for workshops online through the CAS Blackboard site.

Become a Facebook Fan of the Career Center!

The Career Center has created a Facebook Fan page. You can review interviews with AU faculty and employers discussing why internships are important, check out the Career Center Website, and find upcoming events. Become a fan today!

Remember, the CAS Career Center Advisors Marie Spaulding and Sue Gordon, hold drop in office hours every Tuesday between 1:30 and 2:30 pm outside TDR. They can help you with quick questions about finding internships and jobs and completing applications. They will review your resume, as well as make future appointments.

NEW OFFICE!! The Peer Advisors are now located in Battelle 164. Stop by anytime!
OFFICE PHONE: 202-885-3092

Dates to Remember!

Sunday, November 9, 3-5pm: Additional Peer Advising Hours, MGC Lounge

Sunday, November 16, 3-5pm: Additional Peer Advising Hours, MGC Lounge

Tuesday, November 25—Remember, Friday classes will meet instead of Tuesday classes.

November 26-30: Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday.