Get to Know the Dean: Kay Mussell

Did you know that every school has a dean who oversees academic affairs? The dean for the College of Arts and Sciences is Kay Mussell. Dean Mussell has been the Dean of CAS since 1999 and a professor of American Studies and Literature at AU since 1974. She has directed the College Writing Program and the University Honors Program and assisted with the design of the General Education and University Honors Programs. Dean Mussell received her MA and PhD in American Civilization from the University of Iowa. Feel free to say hello when you see her around campus!

FAQ of the Month

What’s the best way to make an appointment with my CAS advisor? The Online Appointment Scheduler! Unless you are having an emergency or are unable to access the internet, the online appointment scheduler (http://american.edu/cas/advising_ugrad.cfm) is the easiest way to make an appointment. If you do not have internet access, you can call 202-885-2453.

Student Awards Spotlight: Sociology

- Katie Beran won the Dean's Undergraduate Research Award in 2008 in support of her research on “normalizing poverty.” She also is the Abdul Aziz Said Phi Epsilon Pi Diversity Scholarship recipient for 2008/09.

- Chad Kistler was awarded the Best Qualitative Study in the Social Sciences by an Undergraduate for his paper, “Heterosexual Constructions on Craigslist” at the Robyn Rafferty Mathias Research Conference (2008).

WIN EAGLE BUCKS! Email CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu with your Name, AU ID number, Spring Registration Date, and how you found out when you’re allowed to register. The first 3 students to respond with the correct information will receive $5 in Eagle Bucks!
CAS Majors Fair: We’re in the Majors Now!

On Tuesday, October 28th CAS is hosting a Majors Fair in the Battelle Atrium from 11:00 am—2:00 pm. This fair will feature all the major departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is an opportunity for students to learn about any of the majors offered in CAS; especially great if you are undecided or a searching for a major. Come by for FREE food, fun, games, and more!

Take a Study Break with Peer Advisor Meghan Libman!

Midterms will be here before we know it and the library can fill up quickly everyday. To ensure CAS students have a room to go to, Meghan will hold library study sessions two Tuesday evenings in October (the 14th and 21st from 6-8pm). Stop by or stay awhile to ask questions about majors, classes or any other academic issues or just come by to do some studying. Don’t miss out on the chance to meet with a Peer Advisor in the library!

Whose Life is it Anyway?

Are you looking for insight about choosing a major or career path? At the end of October the Career Center is hosting a 4 part workshop called Whose Life is it Anyway. The 4 sessions will take place on 10/20, 10/22, 10/27. & 10/29 from 3:30—5:00 pm. Contact the Career Center at 202-885-1800 for more information.

** Attention New Students! **

In order to register for your spring classes, you must attend a Registration Workshop with your Academic Advisor. Registration Workshops will teach you everything you need to know about course registration at AU. Your Academic Advisor will be giving you more information about Registration Workshops and how you can sign up for one online soon. Workshops will begin on October 20, 2008 and run through the month of November. Be on the lookout for signup information.

Dates to Remember

Monday, Oct 13th—Official Spring 2009 Schedule of Classes becomes available on the Registrar’s Website
Tuesday, Oct 14th—Study Break with Meghan—AU Library 6 – 8 pm
Friday, Oct 17th—NO CLASS—Fall Break!!
Monday, Oct 20th—CAS Pre-Registration workshops begin
Tuesday, Oct 21st—Study Break with Meghan—AU Library 6—8 pm
Wednesday, Oct 22nd—Sociology Department Open House 4—6 pm
October 24th-26th—Family Weekend
Monday, Oct 27th—SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS—Make sure to meet with and get cleared by your academic advisor prior to trying to register for your spring classes!
Tuesday, Oct 28th—CAS Majors Fair—We’re in the Majors Now! 11 am—2 pm in the Battelle Atrium
TBA—The Physics Department Stargazing Party. Check american.edu/cas/physics or email americanuniversityspss@gmail.com to find out more details.

Questions or comments? Please email CASPeerAdvisors@american.edu

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