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Professor of English, Bradley Deane, has been named the tenth UMN Morris Founders Scholar of the Liberal Arts. Founders Scholars explore questions and ideas that increase knowledge of the campus mission.

Deane's proposal, “The Inutilitarians: Uses of Uselessness in Victorian Liberal Education,” will answer the age-old but still relevant question, “What is the use of a liberal arts degree?” as he draws parallels between 21st-century liberal arts institutions and Victorian-era universities through detailed analyses of the writings of John Henry Newman, Emily Davies, and Matthew Arnold.

Specializing in nineteenth-century British literature, Deane incorporates his research into his classroom to incite interest. He enjoys student insights, fresh and unbiased. His expertise includes British Literature and Culture of the Long Nineteenth Century; Literature of Imperialism, Colonialism, and Nationalism; Victorian Gender and Sexuality; History of the Novel, Publishing, and Authorship; Materialist, Historicist, and Post-colonial Literary Theory; Cultural Studies and Popular Culture.

Founders Scholars and Projects
Since its establishment in 1960, UMN Morris has fostered a spirit of self discovery and thoughtful inquiry. Today that spirit is celebrated through the campus’s Founders’ Fund, which supports research that increases knowledge of the campus mission.