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(March 21, 2024) Philosophy professor Mark Collier has been named the 12th UMN Morris Founders Scholar of the Liberal Arts. Collier's proposal, "The Future of the Liberal Arts in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," will examine one of the challenges to the liberal arts in the 21st century, namely, the rapid explosion of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

Collier plans to address several questions, including, "What impact will artificial intelligence have on the mission of liberal arts colleges such as UMN Morris?" and "Should public liberal arts colleges such as ours embrace these new technologies or restrict their usage?" Collier's goal is to examine arguments for and against the inclusion of AI tools on the Morris campus, and to

provoke a campus-wide discussion and series of reflections about the future of the liberal arts more generally and UMN Morris more specifically.

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.