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Dr. David Myers is a firm believer in the value of Hope's liberal arts education as preparation for the complexity, variety and change students will experience across their post-college lives. His own scholarship reflects a range of interests within his disciplines, from psychology and social psychology itself to topics as disparate as happiness and hearing loss.

While liberal arts colleges do help prepare students for the unpredictable future, Dr. Myers said, “Most students enter college with an idea of what they want to do, and they’re wrong. They end up majoring in something unrelated to what they were thinking about. They end up working in something unrelated to their major.”

“A liberal arts education prepares you to think critically, to communicate effectively, to understand yourself and the world around you,” he added.

At one point early in his career, Dr. Myers considered returning to his home state, as he was being strongly encouraged to apply for a position at a major university there. He and his wife, Carol, struggled with the decision, ultimately agreeing that they wanted to stay in Holland long-term.

“This was the place that fit who we were. We never regretted that decision,” Dr. Myers said.

Dr. Myers is also thankful that the college has supported him, even when tackling controversial subjects. In 2005, he co-authored the book What God Has Joined Together: The Case for Gay Marriage, with Leith Daniels Scanzoni. The book was written as an effort to reconcile the conflict between those in the faith community who favor traditional marriage and those who support gay marriage.

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Dr. Myers is also an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Hope community. Even as he is featured internationally for his work, he is quick to highlight his connection to the college to those he meets. A sports enthusiast as well, he is known for his restraint, to follow his calling,” Dr. Myers said.

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