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Why take **HISTORY** as part of your BA

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USASK History Degree

- One of the top history departments in Canada
- Program: Major, 3 yr BA, 4 yr BA, Honors
- Wide range of classes from Roman architecture to queer marriage, Renaissance magic to contemporary environmental conflicts, and residential schools to drug wars.
- Small classes mean students work directly with our award winning faculty.
- Alumni success in government, education, research, museums, administration, and business.

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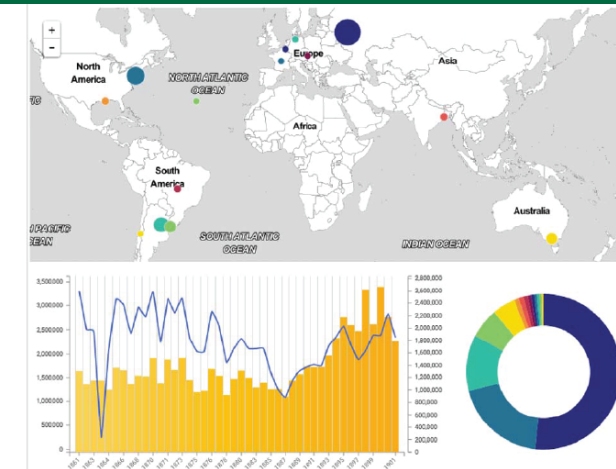
Key areas of research and teaching

- Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- Health and Medicine
- Colonialism & Post Colonialism
- Politics and Foreign Relations
- Classical, Medieval, Renaissance Studies
- Indigenous History
- War and Violence
- Cultural History
- Environmental History
- The Practice of History (e.g. Digital/ Manuscript/HGIS)

Study Abroad and Experiential learning



Research Assistantship and internships



Can I get a job with a History Degree?



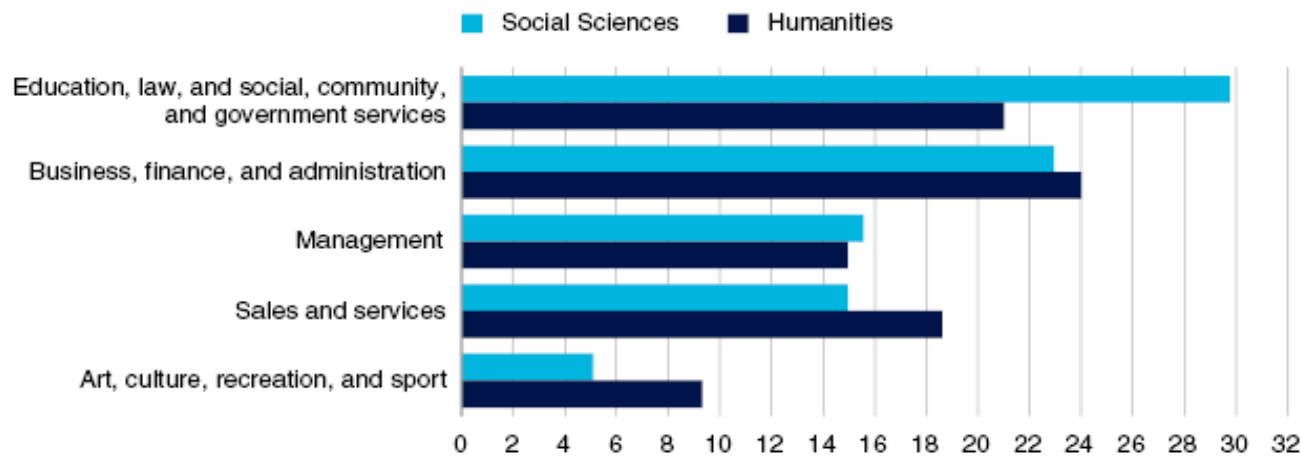
<https://mystudentvoices.com/humanities-majors-you-can-get-practically-any-job-you-want-97f319f15358?gi=92537ea60cec>

- A history degree and basic technology skills is one of the best paths to a well paid, satisfying career in the fastest growing sectors of our economy.
- History graduates have high levels of employment in a variety of careers.
- People with degrees in history and the other liberal arts have the highest job satisfaction.
- Strong earning potential.
- BA graduate's are the most politically engaged and vital to a healthy democracy.

Can History Grads Get a Job?

- 89% of humanities graduates were employed six months after graduation.
- 93% of humanities graduates were employed two years after graduation.

Top Sectors for Employment of Bachelor Degree Graduates in the Social Sciences and Humanities
(per cent in sector)

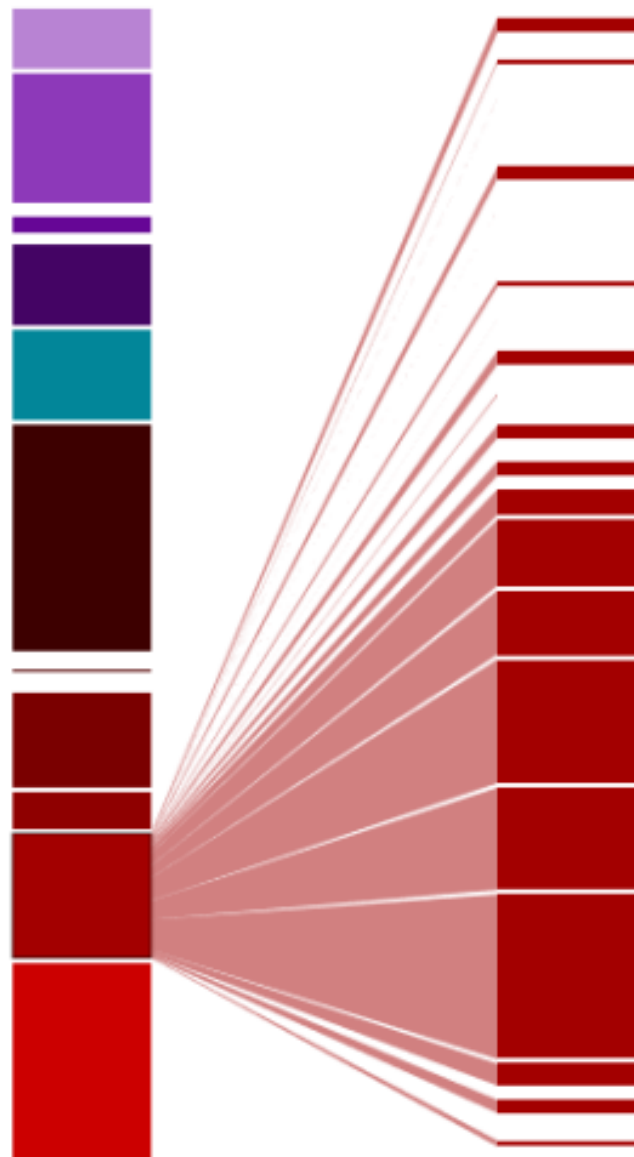


Sources: The Conference Board of Canada; Statistics Canada.

Ontario's Universities, Graduate Survey: A Better Future For University Students, 2018.

Field of Study

- (6%) Math, computer and information sciences
- (12%) Architecture and engineering
- (2%) Agriculture, natural resources, conservation
- (8%) Physical and life sciences
- (9%) Health
- (21%) Law, social and behavioural sciences
- (0%) Personal, protective and transportation services
- (9%) Education
- (4%) Arts and communications
- (12%) Humanities
- (19%) Business, management and public administration

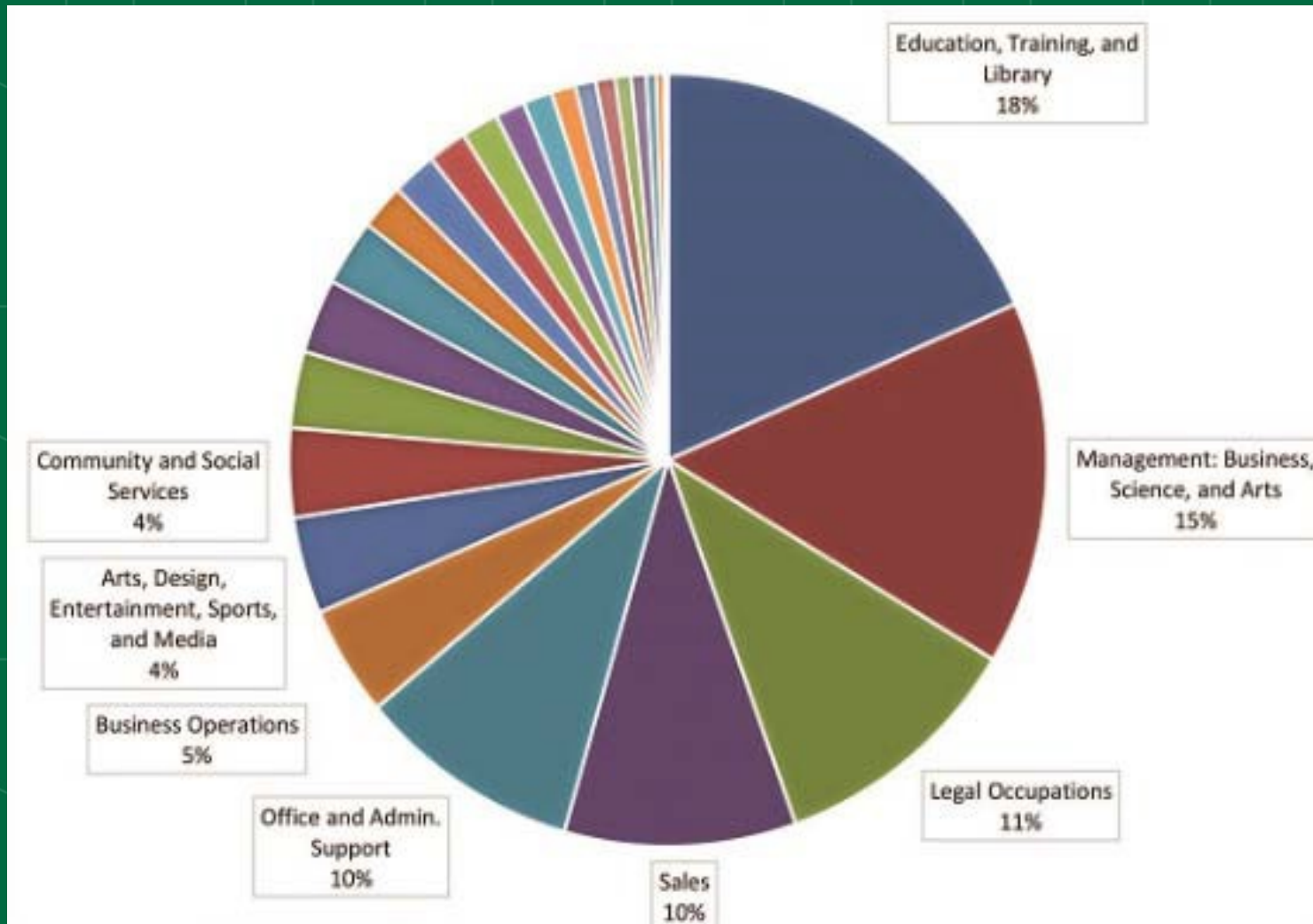


Occupation

- (2%) Computer and information systems
- (0%) Civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical and other engineers
- (0%) Architects, urban planners and land surveyors
- (0%) Mathematicians, statisticians and actuaries
- (2%) Natural and applied sciences
- (0%) Physical sciences
- (0%) Life sciences
- (1%) Policy and program officers, researchers and consultants (STEM)
- (0%) Psychologists
- (2%) Health
- (0%) Judges, lawyers, and Quebec notaries
- (2%) Social workers, counsellors, clergy and probation officers
- (2%) Policy and program officers, researchers and consultants (non-STEM)
- (4%) Paralegals, social services, education and religion
- (10%) Art, culture, recreation and sport
- (10%) Teachers and professors
- (19%) Sales and service
- (15%) Management
- (25%) Business, finance and administrative
- (3%) Trades, transport and equipment operators
- (2%) Processing, manufacturing and utilities
- (1%) Primary Industry

From CHA, *Changing the Conversation: The Value of a History Degree, 2019*

Careers of History Majors



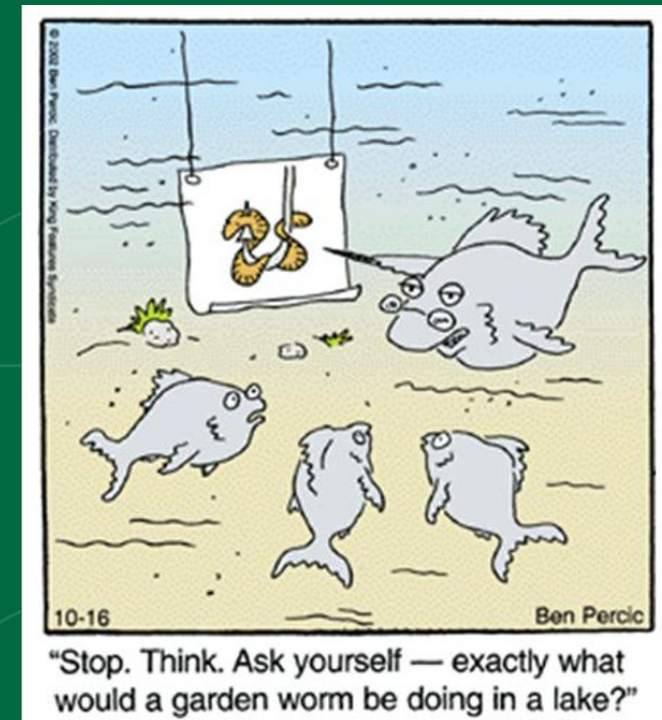
American Community Survey 2010-2014: 5-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS). Includes individuals who stated they were in full-time employment, between the ages of 25 and 64, had achieved a bachelor's degree or higher, and had either history or US history as the field of study for their bachelor's degree.

Historians have what the job market wants

An assessment of 20,000 skills across 300 occupations and 2.4 million expected job openings in the 2020s shows an increasing demand for the **skills history** provides:

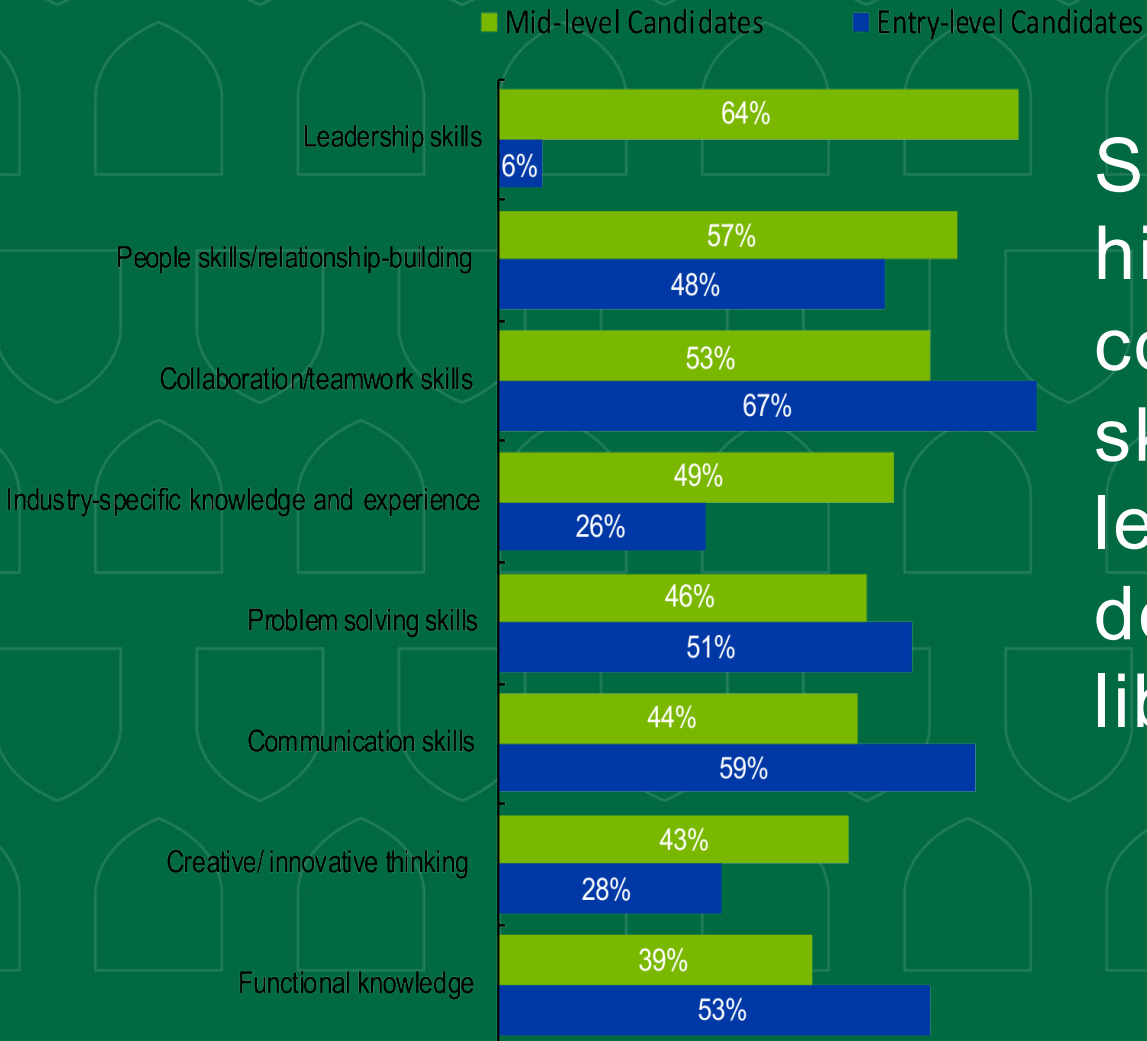
Critical Thinking
Co-ordination
Social Perceptiveness
Active Listening
Complex Problem Solving

Royal Bank of Canada, *Humans Wanted: How Canadian Youth Can Thrive in the Age of Disruption*, 2018.



<https://thehorses.fun/2020/01/fish-funny-cartoon/>

Historians have what the job market wants



Skills employers want in entry-level hires include relationship-building, communication and problem-solving skills, as well as analytical and leadership abilities – attributes developed and honed through the liberal arts.

Business Council of Canada and Aon Hewitt, *Developing Canada's Future Workforce*, 2015.

Humanities Grads Have Cross Cultural Skills

- More than 80% of Canadian managers feel that grads with cross-cultural understanding and knowledge of the global marketplace are assets to the competitiveness of their companies.
- Almost 90% of grads who had an study-abroad experience agree that the global knowledge they gained contributed to their career achievements.



<https://medium.com/pressing-words/improving-cross-cultural-dexterity-among-leaders-and-managers-in-remote-teams-f6fda3cf593f>

Artificial Intelligence Requires the Actual Intelligence of the Humanities



“As computers behave more like humans, the social sciences and humanities will become even more important. Languages, art, history, economics, ethics, philosophy, psychology and human development courses can teach critical, philosophical and ethics-based skills that will be instrumental in the development and management of AI solutions.”

<https://www.experis.co.uk/blog/2019/02/humans-wanted-robots-need-you>

Microsoft President Brad Smith and VP of AI Research Harry Shum in their new book, *The Future Computed: Artificial Intelligence and its Role in Society*, 2018.

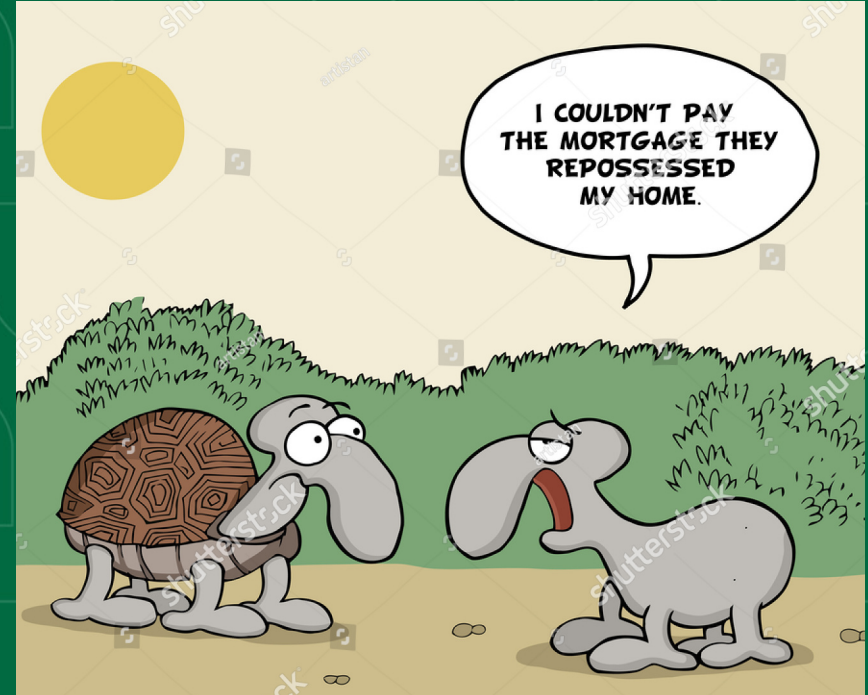
But Can They Make a Living?

- In 2014 Association of American Colleges and Universities found liberal arts majors earn more than most professional majors at their peak earning ages.

D. Humphreys & P. Kelly, *How Liberal Arts & Sciences Majors Fare in Employment* (Washington, DC: AAC&U, 2014).

- Average annual starting salary of Canadian humanities grad was \$32,200 in 2015. More than half had incomes of \$57,000 eight years from graduation; and the top 10% earned more than \$90,000.

Finnie, et al, *Barista or Better: New Evidence on the Earnings of Post Secondary Education Graduates*, 2016.



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History is Key to Democracy & Civic Engagement

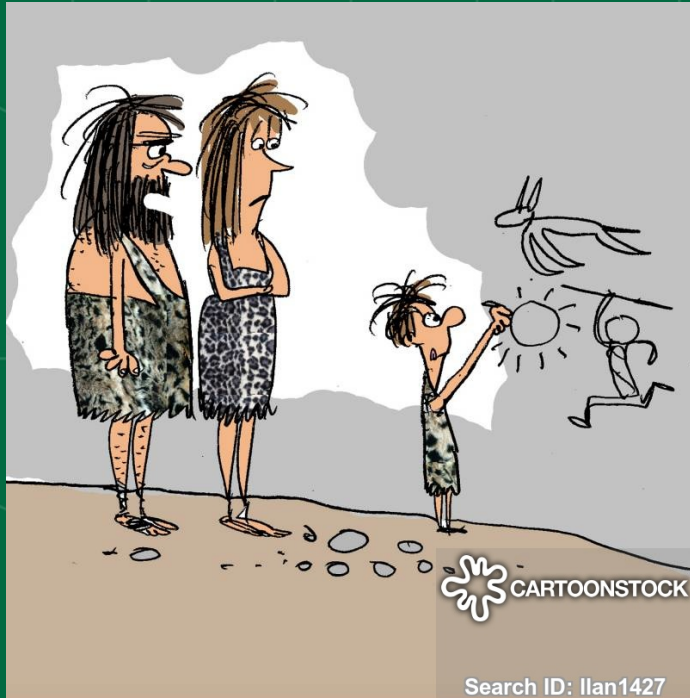
- Graduates with liberal arts degree are the most politically engaged citizens.

Humphreys & Kelly, *How Liberal Arts and Sciences Majors Fare in Employment* (Washington, DC: AAC&U, 2014).

“The study of history is an essential bulwark against the rising tide of misinformation, manipulation, and lies. In the post-factual fight, understanding history is our most important weapon.”

Marie Myung-ok Lee. Novelist and Creative Writing Professor

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“How is his liberal arts degree helping him in today's world?”

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