Dr. Rick Snyder, a Wright Distinguished Professor, was considered a pioneer in the field of positive psychology. He is best known for his work on hope and forgiveness, and also developed theories explaining how people react to personal feedback, to the human need for uniqueness, and to the drive to excuse and forgive transgressions.

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