

## **Q&A: Collin Hobbs**

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Collin Hobbs will teach science in the fall. (Photo provided)

New semester means new professors, and Huntington University has a whole lineup prepared for the 2013-2014 school year. Get to know Dr. Dan Dobbs –future professor within the math department.

### **How long have you been teaching?**

Each semester for the last seven years. I consider myself lucky that I have been able to teach every semester of my graduate program.

### **What degrees and academic honors have you earned?**

Homeschooled in high school, public school prior to that. B.S. in biology with a minor in music performance from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, graduating *summa cum laude*. I am currently wrapping up my Ph.D. in ecological and evolutionary biology from Indiana University.

### **What classes will you be teaching?**

This fall, I will be teaching Botany and Microbiology for Health Sciences.

### **What is your teaching style?**

I enjoy making my classes student-centered, with a focus on hands-on learning, and I like the ideas behind “flipping the classroom” and the Harkness method [students taking responsibility for own education]. As a student, I hated dry lectures, so I assume my students do too. And, though I do use it often, I’m not a big fan of Power Point as a medium for delivering lectures.

### **In essence, how would you describe the university?**

My impression is that HU is a smallish Christian college that emphasizes rigorous academic training and learning how to glorify God through your field of study, all in the context of a strong family environment.

**What is your motivation behind teaching?**

God has created a beautiful and complex world and has given us the ability to learn about it and use it in ways that bring him glory. I'm excited about teaching at a Christian institution because I can say something like I just did and not be ostracized for it.

**Outside of your profession, what are some of your hobbies?**

I love gardening, photography, canoeing, hiking and camping.

**What impact do you hope to leave on the students?**

I'm looking forward to getting involved in the HU community. I hope some of my students leave as excited about biology as I am.

**Do you give students extra credit?**

Extra credit? What's that? Seriously, though, I do try to teach in such a way that extra credit strays a non-issue. After all, a 101 percent grade doesn't make that much sense when you think about it.