March 6, 2019

4:00-5:00pm in W330

Refreshments served at 3:45pm

Abstract: Mike was once a young grad student with little more than a vibrant enthusiasm for teaching chemistry. He eventually became a USU professor who made YouTube videos to flip his classes. This led to later consulting work for DAT-Bootcamp.com, for which Mike is now recognized across North America. Alongside his USU colleague, John Weber, Mike also coedited a recent ACS Symposium book. In this talk, Mike will share his story, which will hopefully benefit undergraduates and grad students interested in chemistry education.

Bio: Mike was born and raised in North Logan, Utah, graduating from Sky View High School in 1997. He later attended USU, where he received a B.S. in Chemistry in 2004. He went on to earn his PhD in Organic Chemistry at BYU in 2010, and continued immediately thereafter as a CSU postdoctoral fellow. In 2011, Mike began his current work as a professor at USU’s Regional Campus in Vernal, where he now resides with his wife and four children. Mike has an infectious passion for teaching that infuses his students with enthusiasm for chemistry. He often says: “Teaching isn’t just what I do. It’s who I am.”