

# **Bill Heyborne**

**Dean of College of Natural Sciences and Professor of Biology at Southern Utah University**  
Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in reptile and amphibian natural history, biological pedagogy, and animal venoms

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## **Biography**

Dr. William Heyborne is the Dean of College of Natural Sciences and Professor of Biology at Southern Utah University. With research interests in the diversity of living things, Dr. Heyborne specializes in biological pedagogy, and reptile/amphibian natural history including the study of insects and venomous snakes. Dr. Heyborne teaches his students to examine living systems and the impact of biological problems on human affairs. He encourages critical thinking, problem solving and the application of scientific thinking. He is a organismal biologist with expertise in insects, amphibians, and reptiles. He also advise the SUU Animal Ambassadors outreach team. An SUU alumnus, Dr. Heyborne received a bachelor's degree in zoology with a minor in chemistry. At Oregon State University, he earned a master's degree in entomology, then a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Northern Colorado. Previously, he worked as chair of the biology and chemistry department at Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Program Development, Education/Learning, Environmental Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Ecology and Evolution of Insects and Arachnids, Herpetology, Entomology, Zoology, Amphibians, STEM Teacher Leadership, Biological Pedagogy, Reptiles, Biology, Outreach Education, STEM Education, Classification of Amphibians and Reptiles

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## **Affiliations**

Entomological Society of America, National Association of Biology Teachers, National Science Teachers Association, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

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## **Education**

**Southern Utah University**  
B.S. Biology/Zoology

**Oregon State University**  
M.S. Entomology

**University of Northern Colorado**  
Ph.D. Biology Education

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## **Accomplishments**

**Trustees Award of Excellence**  
SUU, 2021

**Outstanding Science Educator**  
Utah Science Teachers Association 2016

**Influencer of the Year**  
SUU 2016, 2017, 2018

**SUU Advisor of the Year**  
Thunderbird Awards, 2015

**SUU Professor of the Year**  
Thunderbird Award 2014

**Founder of the SUU Animal Ambassadors**  
September 2011

**Walker Faculty Excellence Award**  
Morningside College 2010

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