

Brooke Myers Interview:

How would you describe your area of study to a novice?

I am studying to become a secondary biology teacher, and obtain licensure.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

I am passionate about being a teacher, so graduate school was always about making me a better teacher; so, teaching was my motivation.

Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?

I think there is value in social networking with other graduate students, because science is a diverse field. Most graduate students at Radford have a program of study that relates to science that I can use in my class. Being able to ask other graduate students about their field is a learning experience for my students as well as myself.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

My favorite stress-reduction is watching television.

What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?

I am not much of a reader, especially of books. I am usually reading books to work into my classes-- children's books or scientific journals. I do love a good tabloid magazine though!

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

My relationship with my cooperating teacher (the teacher in whose classroom I am student teaching) is my most meaningful academic relationship. Mr. Brown has been a mentor to my success in my graduate studies. Studying under him has made me a better teacher and more understanding of how the profession works. Working with someone for a year in the same classroom, you ultimately form a meaningful relationship. Mr. Brown's is one that has changed my life and teaching style.

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

The one thing that surprised me about graduate school was the workload. Compared to undergraduate, I thought workload would be a lot more difficult. It's not difficult in that you have all this work every week, but instead you have large projects that develop throughout the year to enhance your overall understanding.

If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?

Yes. I have no clue how I would contribute, but hopefully I can talk to my future students when I am traveling to Mars so they can share in the adventure.

What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?

My comfort food is ice cream. I only eat it when it's warm out, and then it is as often as once a week.

If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?

If I had not been admitted to graduate school I would most likely be substitute teaching.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

I will complete my degree in May 2012.