

# I am The ROCK

## Myra Balok

**Job:** Assistant professor of English.

**Joined SRU:** I joined the English department in 2002, as a full-time temporary faculty; I haven't missed a semester since. I have been tenured since 2012.

**Background:** I have been teaching at the college/university level nearly all of my professional life. I am a proud product of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, having completed my undergraduate work at Edinboro University. My graduate work (masters and Ph.D.) was completed at the University of Pittsburgh. I am a state certified reading specialist.

**Interests:** My literary interests vary, but I have a penchant for young adult literature. I also enjoy reading and studying the works of C.S. Lewis, my favorite author/scholar. Beyond my academic interests, I love caring for animals; growing flowers, vegetables, and herbs; cooking; and making my grandchildren smile. I am learning French and have been adviser to the American Sign Language Club since its inception 10 years ago.

**Person(s) I would like to have dinner with:** Author C.S. Lewis.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I love the students. I love their energy. I care about them. I am honored to be a member of SRU community.

