

I am The **ROCK**

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Job: Professor of English.

Joined SRU: August 1989.

Background: I received my bachelor's degree in secondary education/English and master's degree in English from Edinboro University and my doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University. I have taught at Carnegie Mellon, Frostburg State University, West Virginia University, Waynesburg College, Robert Morris College and SRU.

Interests: Contemporary literature, working-class literature and studies, writing theory and practice, gardening and outdoor sports.

Last book read: 'The Stamp of Class: Reflections of Poetry and Social Class' by Gary Linhart.

Why I Work at The Rock: I had settled and been promoted in a private college, but I wanted to come back to the public sector and return something to the system that had given me a chance to grow and change my life for the better. I recall the professors who helped shape my raw abilities into something better, who inspired me to see beneath the surface, and who challenged me to look to the next step and beyond. Slippery Rock University provides me with that opportunity to help today's diverse group of students. Here, I am able to help students gain a better entry into the future, to find their passion and follow it.

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