

I am The **ROCK**

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Job: Professor of English.

Joined SRU: 1981.

Background: I was born in Allentown. I earned a bachelor's degree in English from Gettysburg College, a master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg University and a doctorate in rhetoric and linguistics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I taught English to eighth- and ninth-graders for seven years in Gettysburg before coming to Slippery Rock University, where I have worked in Academic Support Services, the English department and Women's Studies.

Interests: I am an avid reader, preferring fiction with strong, feminist characters – when I can find them. I also play tennis and am a big fan of Roger Federer. I enjoy learning about and drinking fine wine, preferably big, buttery, oaky chardonnays, but also like a robust cabernet as well. I appreciate gourmet dining and the theatre and would like to travel more. I have fallen in love with Italy, particularly Florence and Venice.

Person with whom I would most like to have dinner: Gloria Steinem, author of many books and essays about feminism.

Why I work at the Rock: SRU has been a wonderful place for me to grow as a professional. Needless to say, we have lovely students with which to work – intellectually curious and willing to work hard for the most part. However, I am even more impressed by the faculty and coaches with whom I work as a colleague, a chair, and APSCUF [Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties] president. They are so dedicated to their teaching and their students; many are at the cutting edge of their disciplines or sport.

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