



I am The **ROCK**

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Job: Professor of English.

Joined SRU: August 1987.

Background: I have had a variety of professional and educational experiences that inform my teaching and scholarship. After I received my bachelor's degree, I studied journalism in graduate school, followed by work in my mid-20s on two newspapers. When I turned to education as a career I was originally a high school English teacher. Then, as I worked toward a doctorate from the University of Buffalo, I spent several years as a professor at a private two-year college.

Interests: Teaching in a two-year college, I realized the importance of the study of written composition to English departments and that has been the focus of my scholarship ever since. Most recently, my interest has been in teaching civic writing and assessing undergraduate writing programs. With a background in 'public' and civic communication, I am now a blogger. I am also interested in photography, film and staying physical active through running and golf.

Last Book Read: 'Mayflower' by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Why I Work at The Rock: I believed that a teaching-centered university would best fit my abilities, and that belief has been validated by the long and enjoyable career I have had at SRU. The students here are friendly, courteous and eager to learn, which makes for a stimulating and pleasurable classroom atmosphere.

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