

I am The **ROCK**

John Craig

JOB: Professor of history.

JOINED SRU: 1985.

BACKGROUND: Born in Schenectady, N.Y., I received my bachelors' degrees in English and history and my master's degree in history from the University of Albany. My doctorate in American history is from the College of William and Mary.

INTERESTS: Other than historical research, my passion is sports, as a participant and spectator. Anyone who knows me is aware that phone calls during New York Giants, Yankees, or Pittsburgh Penguins' playoff games will go unanswered. I have played basketball for more than 25 years in faculty-staff-student games at SRU. I still enjoy playing softball in the summer, though my skills have deteriorated significantly from my days as a baseball player at the intercollegiate level. I also enjoy travel and have visited various places, primarily in Europe, usually with groups of SRU students.

PERSON(S) I WOULD MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Mary Ware Dennett, the women's rights activist.

WHY I WORK AT THE ROCK: I attended an undergraduate institution much like SRU. My family lacked the resources to pay for college, so a public institution was my best option. I have always seen SRU as providing similar opportunities for students, most of whom share a background that mirrors my own. From the first day I started working here, I never wanted to go anywhere else. It was the perfect fit.

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