## **June Edwards**

Job: Associate professor of art.

Joined SRU: 2002.

**Background:** I have experience in both teaching and graphic design. My undergraduate degree was from Mansfield University. I taught at LaGuardia School of the Arts in New York City while I obtained an masters of fine arts in painting from Brooklyn College. I freelanced as a graphic artist in New York City and eventually became the manager of the Media Center for Arthur Andersen, a worldwide business-consulting firm. I stayed there 13 years, went back into teaching and eventually moved back to Pittsburgh, my hometown. My artwork is a study of the structures around Pittsburgh and is a mix of

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digital, drawing and painting media.

**Interests:** My primary interest is creating my own artwork. I love looking at the work of other artists and traveling to various cities and visiting art museums and galleries. I also enjoy kayaking, hiking and horseback riding.

**Person I would most like to have dinner with:** I would choose an artist whose work I am interested in at the moment, such as Julie Mehretu or Elizabeth Murray.

Why I work at The Rock: The close-knit community we have in the art department is one of the many reasons I love working here. The faculty members are very involved in the art world and love teaching, and our students are very creative. There are a lot of interesting events happening each semester.

