



I am The ROCK

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Job: Assistant professor of art, focus on painting.

Joined SRU: 2008.

Background: I was born in Erie and attended Mercyhurst Preparatory School focusing on art and athletic crew. I attended Syracuse University on an athletic scholarship for crew. I received my bachelor's degree in fine art and master's degree in art education from Syracuse. I received a master's degree of fine art's degree from Edinboro University. I lived in Miami, Fla., to pursue art and sailing after graduation. I have attended art residencies in Vermont and Virginia.

Interests: I love to be outside, active and on or near the water – sailing, beach, biking and walking. I love to draw and paint on many different levels...even with my daughter.

Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with: Michelangelo or Cy Twombly. I wish I could have met them and asked them how they made their artwork.

Why I work at The Rock: SRU provides opportunities for me to grow with my students. It is a circle: We challenge each other in learning new ways to make art and think about art and exhibit art. I am grateful for the opportunity to present, such as my recent performance art piece titled 'Here.'

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