

I am The ROCK

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Job: Assistant professor of biology.

Joined SRU: Fall 2009.

Background: I trained in a yeast biochemistry system at the University of Pittsburgh for my doctoral work. My studies focused on the work of molecular chaperones on the degradation of a protein involved in heart disease. My doctoral thesis work, which I concluded in 2006, resulted in the identification of a potential drug target for lowering cholesterol in patients with high cholesterol. I then went on to conduct post-doctoral research at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Interests: I enjoy traveling. I have a goal to go to every national park in the U.S. I also enjoy running, hiking and skiing.

Person(s) I'd like to have dinner with: Neil Degrasse Tyson, an American astrophysicist and science communicator.

Why I work at The Rock: I love being able to work with undergraduates students one-on-one in the laboratory. Research experience, either as independent study or in the classroom, truly enhances a student's experience with the subject matter. I love seeing the excitement in a student's face when he or she finishes an experiment and finally gets all of the conditions right. No matter if the result matches our expectations or not, it is the process that is important in science and that is what I love teaching to SRU students.

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