

I am The ROCK

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Job: Assistant professor of English.

Joined SRU: 2003.

Background: I received my doctorate and masters from Texas A&M University. My undergraduate years were spent at Tulane University. After college, I spent a few years teaching high school and coaching football in the Mississippi Delta as part of the Teach for America program. Shortly after joining Slippery Rock University, I met and fell in love with a beautiful professor from the dance department, Melissa Teodoro, and we have a lovely 7-year-old daughter, Luisa, whom we adopted from Colombia.

Person(s) I'd like to have dinner with: Of the many musicians I admire, I'd have to pick Miles Davis. Of the authors; James Joyce. Rhetoricians? Quintilian. And for my family and friends...I'm lucky enough to enjoy their diner conversations most every night.

Why I work at The Rock: I teach a lot of first-year students. And every semester, usually around week five, something wonderful happens: the students take ownership of their learning. They no longer look to me for the answers; rather they begin to find the answers on their own and then share them with me. Once this collaboration begins, college begins. And I am lucky enough to witness it every semester.

