

I am The ROCK

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Job: Associate professor parks and recreation, director of the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program in leadership development.

Joined SRU: August 2000.

Background: I was born in Denver, Col. I received my bachelor's degree in geology from Colorado Mesa University. I worked in the geology field for three years before returning to graduate school. I received my master's degree in parks and recreation and my doctorate in higher education from the University of Memphis. I have also worked as a protection ranger for the National Park Service and worked in eight national park service areas during my 12-year career as a seasonal ranger. I was fortunate to have worked at great parks sites, including Rocky Mountain, Acadia, Wupatki, Sunset Crater Volcano, Walnut Canyon, Curecanti, Black Canyon of the Gunnison and Delaware Water Gap.

Interests: I enjoy just about any activity in the outdoors. My favorite activities are fly-fishing, hiking, whitewater rafting and biking.

Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with: Steve Martin or Jimmy Buffett.

Why I work at The Rock: It brings me great pleasure to be able to educate, mentor and train the next generation of park rangers and recreation professionals. These same students will soon be saving lives, finding lost children, educating park visitors and interpreting the natural, cultural and scenic wonders of our national parks. Slippery Rock University has a long tradition of preparing park professionals, and I am proud to play a role in their development.

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