Katherine Mickle

Job: Associate professor of art. I teach all levels of photography.

Joined SRU: I started as a temporary instructor in 1999, moved to the tenure track in 2003.

Background: Since I've been at SRU, I have taught a variety of courses including 'Drawing,' 'Basic 2D Design,' 'Basic Digital Media,' 'Intro to Art' and 'Art Seminar.' I also acted as gallery director for six years. Prior to teaching, I had a few years of gallery work at the James Gallery in Pittsburgh and at International Images Gallery in Sewickley. I received undergraduate degrees in art and Spanish from SRU and a master's degree in photography with a minor in painting from Stephen F. Austin University.

Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with: Oh so many. I'll say Duane Michals for fun.

Why I work at The Rock: It’s a great place to be. SRU provides an atmosphere for dynamic educational development. Teaching provides students with the foundation to discover their potential. Within the studio, it is my responsibility to encourage students to make the most of their abilities, challenge their capabilities and explore both internal and external resources. I love working with students and seeing them grow into professionals sharing their talents with others. Additionally, the exchange of information and ideas is reciprocal in nature. My students constantly amaze me with their inquiries, insight and discoveries. When I teach, I learn.