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Job: Assistant professor/interim director Office of Multicultural Programs.

Joined University: August 2002.

Background: Team leader supervisor/case manager, Prestera Center for Mental Health Services, Huntington, W.Va.; residential program supervisor/mental health therapist, Three Rivers Youth, Pittsburgh. I recently received my doctorate in education administration and leadership from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Interests: Food, family, friends, shopping, television and movies. My academic interests include multicultural competency, leadership, organizational behavior and peer influence.

Last book read: 'Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race' by Beverly Daniel Tatum.

Why I work at The Rock: I have a great passion to help counsel and promote individual, personal and professional development. Since SRU is so very student oriented, I feel extremely fortunate to work and partner with faculty, staff, administration...and most of all, the students of this campus. Navigating successfully through an institutionalized environment – whether it be a new place of employment, higher education, a non-profit agency or a predominantly white institution – requires a good deal of professional skill development and a whole lot of personal reflection, awareness and decision-based action.

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