

# I am The **ROCK**



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**Position:** Instructor in the department of physics, where I teach a variety of service and physics-major courses. I am also in charge of the planetarium.

**Joined University:** Fall 1990.

**Background:** Having completed my undergraduate studies at Calcutta University, India, I came to the University of Kansas and did a masters in physics. I completed my doctoral dissertation on gravitational lensing at the University of Pittsburgh in 2005.

**Hobbies:** Observing the night sky, reading and listening to music, watching The Weather Channel, bird watching, cooking, traveling and visiting art museums.

**Most recent book read:** "Endless Universe; Beyond the Big Bang" by Paul J. Steinhardt and Neil Turok.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I love teaching, and there is no greater reward than to watch students having a heated argument about a difficult physics problem in my class. I have been fortunate to have wonderful colleagues who like to incorporate new pedagogy, technology and research. I have been lucky to have students in the physics department who have volunteered to help with any planetarium shows or outdoor observing with the telescope for the general public.

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