



# *I am* The **ROCK**

## **Paula Reider**

**Job:** Assistant professor of history.

**Started at SRU:** 2006.

**Background:** I was born and grew up in Cincinnati, the fifth of six children and the only daughter. I still have family there. My undergraduate degree was in biology, and I taught science and biology in high school for six years in Louisville, Ky. I tried several careers and moved around the country, eventually living in San Antonio, Texas, and working on the staff of a university and then in an import/export company. But I was always curious, reading a lot on things that interested me, and I eventually went back to school and earned my doctorate in medieval history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I taught for six years at the University of Nebraska before coming to Slippery Rock.

**Interests:** I enjoy gardening, and I like to cook when I have the time. I love trying out new recipes and then having friends over to test it out, which is always an adventure. I like to read and watch murder mysteries; I love the new Sherlock Holmes films that are coming out.

**Person I would like to have dinner with:** Actress Katherine Hepburn. She was a really strong woman, doing what she set her heart on and breaking new ground for women when she did. I admire her courage and spunk.

**Why I work at the Rock:** My job in Nebraska was at a small university very much like SRU. I moved from Nebraska to Pennsylvania to be closer to my family. I love teaching and I enjoy the students at The Rock. It's the people who make SRU a great place to be.

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