

# I am The ROCK

## Anne Slanina

**Job:** Associate professor, elementary/early childhood education. I teach a variety of early childhood courses, as well as supervise field experiences.

**Joined SRU:** 1998.

**Background:** I am a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and have three degrees from Youngstown State University: An associate in applied science in child care technology; a bachelors in elementary education, and a master's degree in reading education and my doctorate is from Kent State University. I specialize in early childhood education and literacy, in particular bibliotherapy. I am passionate about historic Route 66. I am the author of "The Adventures of Annie Mouse" children's book series. ([www.anniemousebooks.com](http://www.anniemousebooks.com)).

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** John Lasseter from PIXAR and the creator of the CARS movie.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I was drawn to SRU because of its reputation for having an excellent teacher education program. I also love the setting of the University; we have such a beautiful campus. I love driving to work and taking in the beauty of the rural surroundings.



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