

# I am The ROCK

## Stacey Steele

**Job:** Assistant professor of music.

**Joined SRU:** 1988.

**Background:** I was born in Wichita, Kan., and attended Wichita State University where I received a bachelor of music education degree. My master's degree in flute performance and hours beyond that are from the University of North Texas.

**Interests:** Travel. My husband Terry, an SRU professor emeritus of music, and I have traveled to five continents discovering places where one of our only requirements was to hear as little English as possible. The musical sounds present when hearing foreign languages, especially when most cognitive understanding is removed, is beautiful indeed. These days, I most enjoy the musical language of two pre-verbal grandsons whom I must travel to be with.

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** Bobby McFerrin. His genius is profound and the resulting music is engaging and spirit filled.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I moved with our family from Denton, Texas, to Slippery Rock in 1975 when Terry joined the music department faculty. When I began as a quarter-time faculty member 13 years later, I had such pent up energy waiting for a focus that I couldn't have been happier. Within three years my job was increased to full time. It has been, and continues to be, a dream job for me, and I will always thank Kate Brennan for being such a positive professional mentor to me.

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