

I am The **ROCK**

Thomas Stewart

Job: Associate professor of communication.

Joined University: 1985.

Background: I graduated from Slippery Rock Area High School in 1973 and Slippery Rock University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in communication and theatre arts. I received my master's degree in communication arts and doctorate in communication studies from the University of Iowa. At Slippery Rock University, I teach a variety of multimedia design and production courses, as well as 'Communication Research Methods.'

Interests: Reading, gardening, most any outdoor activity, coffee and tea shops.

Last book read: 'An Irish Country Village: A Novel' by Patrick Taylor.

Why I work at The Rock: While still an undergraduate at SRU, the profound influence of the faculty in the department of communication convinced me to both consider an academic career and cultivated my interest in returning to teach here. While most of those faculty members are no longer with the University, their impact remains. This is a University that cares about students, and treats them with respect while encouraging diversity and intellectual growth. The same can be said for the entire University community – we care, recognize, and cultivate the best in one another.

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