

I am The **ROCK**

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Job: Assistant professor in the history department, serving as department chair in fall 2010.

Joined SRU: August 2002.

Background: I grew up in Indiana – the state, not the town in Pennsylvania – in the county that possessed two of the three Egyptian mummies statewide. However, my interests in ancient history began with a coffee-table book on Tutankhamen that my mother had and that I was fascinated with since before I could read. I went to Johnson Bible College for a ministerial degree, then to Southern Baptist Southern Seminary for a theology degree, and finally to the University of Illinois for a master's degree and doctorate in history.

Interests: History, of course. In addition, I love to paint, when time permits, sing – when others are willing to put up with it – and have an interest in drama. I enjoy doing home repair projects myself, except for plumbing and more involved electrical work – self-preservation being a key factor – and watching old movies.

Person I'd most like to have dinner with: I would love to have had dinner with Augustus, first emperor of Rome. He was at the center of significant and far-reaching changes in Roman history.

Why I work at The Rock: When I first interviewed for the position at Slippery Rock University, I researched the institution and found it to be of a size – student body and faculty – and of the scholarly and social character in which I could feel comfortable. Since coming to SRU, I have continued to see that this is a place where I can pursue my professional interests, work with colleagues who strive for professional excellence and teach students who are inquisitive and friendly. I take a great deal of pride in how Slippery Rock University is making an increasing impact on this corner of Pennsylvania and the many impressive accomplishments that our graduates are making in the world.

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