



I am The **ROCK**

Brad Wilson

Job: Associate professor of philosophy.

Joined SRU: In 1997, after five years in the department of history and philosophy of science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Background: I grew up in Troy, Mich., a suburb of Detroit. I started my undergraduate studies at Purdue University in computer science before discovering philosophy. From Purdue, I went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I received my master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy.

Interests: My academic interests lie in the philosophy of science, biology and medicine. When I'm not reading philosophy and biology, I like to travel with my wife, especially to different parts of Mexico to study Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture. My most recent obsession is playing flamenco guitar.

Person I would most like to have dinner with: Contemporary person, Bill Clinton. I have met him twice and was impressed by his intellect, knowledge and concern for global issues. Person from the past would be Charles Darwin. His ideas and theories have had a profound effect on Western thought.

Why I work at The Rock: I enjoy getting to know my students in classes that are small and personal. Slippery Rock University students have rarely had any exposure to philosophy before coming to SRU, and I love to help them realize that philosophy is not an esoteric subject. Rather, philosophy involves thinking carefully about interesting ideas that are often accepted uncritically. Our philosophy majors and minors are a delight. They come from varied backgrounds with a broad range of interests, and I'm always learning something new from them.

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