

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Stephen Eric Tennenbaum was born on November 15, 1956 in Baltimore Maryland, and subsequently moved every two years until the age of 14 where he was forcibly settled in New Jersey. He studied Biology and General Science at Rutgers University, Camden. He worked for a few years as a lab technician at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in the Psychology and Neurology departments before returning to Graduate school at the University of Florida. He received a Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering under Howard Odum in 1988. He then started a PhD program at the University of Maryland in Ecological Economics with Robert Costanza where he stayed a year before he transferred to Cornell University. Here he had the good fortune to meet Carlos Castillo-Chavez who soon became his advisor and mentor. Stephen interrupted his PhD program shortly after passing his "A" exam in order to work full time managing the Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute. He did this for seven years until Carlos (and MTBI) moved to Arizona State University. In October of 2004 Stephen followed Carlos to Arizona in order to complete his Doctoral Program.