

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Maria Tway was born on February 18, 1970 in the small town of Infanta, on the main island of Luzon in the Philippines. She immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1974. She grew up in Michigan and attended Michigan State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology (1993) and Spanish (1996). She began her graduate education at Florida State University in 1997. Maria married Mark Tway, a biologist, in May of 1998. They had their first child, Arianna, in November of 2002. They currently reside in Texas.