

## **Christopher J. Stefano, PhD**

Dr. Chris Stefano is the Associate Curator of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum. He is responsible for designing, installing and maintaining exhibits inside and outside of the museum and caring for the museum's holdings of approximately 40,000 specimens. He does historical and scientific research relating to the collection. His interest in minerals became serious during his undergraduate studies and by the time he entered graduate school, he was an avid mineral collector and part time mineral dealer. He was involved with the mineral collection at the University of Michigan and spent two years doing an inventory and assessment of the collection. He developed an interest in mineral specimen photography and has had his images published in *Rocks and Minerals* and *The Mineralogical Record*.

### **Education:**

- PhD Geology, 2010, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- B.S. Geology, 2004, Kent State University, Kent, OH

### **Research Interests:**

- Mineralogy
- Mineral collections and their history
- Igneous Petrology and Geochemistry

### **Publications:**

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