

## Vitae

Matthew Milkevitch was born April 11, 1967 to Carole and Joseph Milkevitch at McKindley AFB, Bermuda. The son of a career USAF officer, Matt traveled extensively with his family around the USA and the Far East. After his father's retirement from the USAF in 1980, he settled in Manassas, Virginia and graduated from Osbourn Park HS in 1985. After 2 years at Northern Virginia Community College, Matt transferred to George Mason University, Fairfax VA intending to pursue a B.S. in Accounting. After attending one semester of freshman-level chemistry at George Mason, he decided to make chemistry his life's work. The recipient of several departmental and ACS research awards, he received a B.A. in Chemistry in May 1992. Wishing to continue his study of chemistry, he began graduate study at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the fall of 1992 with Dr. Karen J. Brewer as his principal advisor. In the summer of 1993 he entered into a collaborative project with Dr. Brenda S.J. Winkel of the VPI & SU biology department, who eventually became his co-advisor. During his tenure at Virginia Tech, Matt taught general and inorganic chemistry lab, and was awarded a departmental teaching award in spring 1995. In December 1997 Matt married Ms. Gail L. Reed, also of the Virginia Tech chemistry department, in Manheim, PA. In the summer of 2000 he graduated with his Ph.D. in Chemistry.