

## VITA

Christopher Niezrecki was born on May 28, 1968 and raised in Orange, CT. After graduating from Amity High School, he attended the University of Connecticut and graduated in May of 1991, receiving Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The following September, he graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University with a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following his graduation he worked at Spectrum Associates in Milford, CT. In the Fall of 1994 he returned to Virginia Tech to begin working on his PhD. During this time he had the opportunity to work at Phillips Laboratory (Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM) and teach at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico (San Juan, PR). He expects to finish his PhD. degree in the June of 1999 and then will work at the University of Florida as an assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering starting the following Fall.