

## VITA

Jeremy P. Britton

Jeremy Paul Britton was born in Eugene, Oregon on November 13, 1973 to Jim and Janet Britton. He has one younger brother, Colby. He grew up in Portland, Oregon and the nearby city of Vancouver, Washington.

Jeremy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University in 1996. Soccer has always been a large part of Jeremy's life; he played for OSU's Division I soccer team for four years, serving as Captain of the team his last two years.

Jeremy received a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1998. During this time, he researched the stability of slurry-supported trenches.

Jeremy began pursuing his Ph.D. directly after receiving his Master's degree. During his stay at Virginia Tech, he never quite reached the success in soccer that he enjoyed at OSU; his greatest team accomplishment was a semi-final appearance in the Intramural playoffs. In other areas, however, he feels he has made great strides. The long, challenging experience of the Ph.D. stretched him in many directions, and through this stress, a better understanding and appreciation of "life" evolved. One interesting result of the experience came from the profound influence of practicing extreme objectivity, which eventually led him to perceive himself as a third person.