

Vita

David E. Simon was born on June 27, 1974 in Long Island, New York where his parents still live. He lived in Long Island through high school and then moved to attend Virginia Tech where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1996. After graduating, he decided to remain at Virginia Tech and pursue a Master of Science, also in Mechanical Engineering. His graduate program of study emphasized the field of dynamic control through his research at the Advanced Vehicle Dynamics Lab (AVDL) of Virginia Tech. In September 1998 he earned his M.S. degree, and continued his graduate studies at Virginia Tech toward a Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering.