

# Vita

## **Geoffrey Wadsworth Ringer**

Geoffrey Wadsworth Ringer was born in Clovis, New Mexico on June 16, 1967. Within weeks, he and his family left the high plains, headed for the green pastures of Massachusetts. Two years later, the family left the Northeast to settle in Poland, Ohio, a suburb of Youngstown. It was there that he graduated from Poland Seminary High School in 1985. The same year, he entered Carnegie-Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), from which he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1989. Drawn by the high plains of his infancy, he went west to pursue a Master's of Science degree in Kinesiology at Kansas State University (Manhattan). The degree was awarded in 1992. That year, he enrolled in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg) to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Engineering Mechanics. Participating in a cooperative program with the Medical College of Virginia (Richmond), he completed his doctoral coursework on the VPI&SU campus and conducted his dissertation research in the Orthopaedic Research Laboratory on the MCV campus. In the fall of 1997, he matriculated at the Eastern Virginia Medical School (Norfolk) in a program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree.