

## **Vita**

### **Hong-mei Gu**

Hong-mei Gu was born in Beijing, China in 1969. After completing the undergraduate study in Beijing Forestry University in 1991 she was accepted by the Chinese Academy of Forestry. While she was in the Chinese Academy of Forestry, she conducted the research of wood drying and wood products for four years. And she also conducted some research on investigating and improving tropical wood products in South-east Asia. Then she came to Virginia Polytechnique Institute and State University in 1996 to pursue graduate studies in Wood Science and Forest Products.