# Curriculum Vitae of ERIC MICHAEL SIMON

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# Career **Highlights**

- Founder and Principal President / Design Engineer Dexterity Design: Product design and engineering services, prototyping, testing, pre-production services
- Founder and Chief Technologist Acme Biosystems; R&D, production, and marketing of systems for 3-dimensional, high density, long-term culture of mammalian cells
- SwiftKey™ fastener successfully conceived, prototyped, patented, marketed, and licensed product, currently licensed to MicroPlastics Inc.
- Co-Manager—Miniature Implantable Drug Delivery Systems Project (funded by Merck): Two patents issued; responsible for technical development, personnel management, budgeting, scheduling, reporting
- National Institute of Health SBIR Grant Principle Investigator—Fibrous Substrates for Cell Culture: First known use of polymeric electro-spun cell substrates and prelude to 3D scaffold culture
- Twenty-two patents issued & pending, including 4 pro se utility patents
- Numerous products designed, produced, and marketed

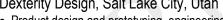
#### **Experience**

dexterity design

# DESIGN ENGINEER / CONSULTANT

1995 to Present

Dexterity Design, Salt Lake City, Utah



- Product design and prototyping, engineering, testing and failure analysis, bridge to manufacturing
- Project management, market and patent research, expert witness services
- · Focus on medical device, biotechnical, consumer, and recreational product sectors
- · Recent and Current Projects:
  - Portable hand-held ventilator
  - Automated cell processing instrument with magnetic bead separation
  - DVT ultrasonic ablation system
  - Syringe aspiration accessory
- Prior Work: Biosensors: Nanopore proteomics, SPR proteomics, PCR rapid pathogen, TIRF Fluorescence; Orthopedics: Targetable needle-overneedle stem cell delivery (vertebral disc), ALIF Cage (vertebral fixation), Ti6 toe fixation implant and driver; Dermatology: Forced-air headlice treatment, LED- and Laser-based phototherapy, Micro-dermabrasion, Cellulite reduction; Opthalmic: Topographic surface measurement for LASIK, Ophthalmic iontophoretic drug delivery; Vascular: Subclavian catheter sealing system; Bevel-tip cardiac catheter; Cardiac catheter incision closure, Venous blood pressure transducer; Misc Med & Biotech: Portable handheld ventilator, PCR hybridization automated wash, Ultrasonic probe, misc device enclosures, misc dental devices; Non-Medical: Ruggedized portable data-clock, Snowflake metrical instrument, Modular event canopy, Biometric time clock, Sport bottle, Modular crowd-control barrier, Drug-delivery port fluidic connector, Tool-less irrigation couplings, Modular climbing wall, Water-filled barriers, Pet toys, Sunglasses & ski goggles, Sport gloves.



## **Experience** (continued)

# SR. SYSTEMS ENGINEER / MICROFLUIDICS SPECIALIST

2018 to 2020

Carterra, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah



- Systems engineering, project management, constraint and risk analysis
- Design and implementation of milli- and micro-fluidic systems
- Design and implementation of proteomic biosensor instruments

### FOUNDER / PRESIDENT / CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST

2005 to Present



Acme Biosystems, Salt Lake City, Utah

- ACMEBI® Invention and development of advanced gas-permeable cell culture systems
  - Project management, market research, patent prosecution
  - Management and strategic planning

# Prior Experience

#### PROJECT ENGINEER / BIOMATERIALS SPECIALIST

Center for Engineering Design, Salt Lake City, Utah | Drug Delivery Devices, Cell Culture Systems. Micro Electromechanical Systems (MEMS), Abdominal Implants, Material and Design Consultation, Robotics,

Technical and Grant Writing, Project Management

BIOMATERIALS / DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER

SynCardia Systems / Symbion Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah | Artificial Heart Devices and Instrumentation

ZAMBONI OPERATOR

Sun Valley Ice Center, Sun Valley, Idaho | Ice Sheet Maintenance and Refrigeration Systems

MANUFACTURING ENGINEER

American Medical Optics, Irvine, California | Intraocular and Contact Lenses

#### Education

Master of Engineering, Bioengineering, Biomaterials & Product Design, University of Utah Bachelor of Science, Materials Science & Engineering, Biomaterials/Fabrication University of Utah Mechanical Engineering / Premedicine, University of Michigan

# Legal **Experience**

Expert Witness - 13 cases total

Patent Infringement / Invalidation / Breach of Confidentiality - 4 cases

Personal Injury / Medical Malpractice - 9 cases

(detailed history available upon request)

- Invalidation of phototherapy device patent via IPR
- Infringement of gas-permeable cell culture device patents (litigation and IPR)
- Invalidation of blood separation device patent
- Infringement of specialty toothbrush and invalidation of patent
- Failure of eyeglass frame resulting in permanent eye damage to consumer
- Failure of embolic microspheres resulting in patient blindness and brain damage
- Failure of heparin infusion pump resulting in patient death
- Failure of implantable penile prosthesis (unrelated to prior case)
- Failure of conventional hip implant
- Failure of night light and subsequent hand injury
- Failure of custom implantable hip prosthesis
- Entanglement of hand in rotor assembly of vacuum blower
- Failure of implantable penile prosthesis

# Professional Skills

Project Management Systems Engineering Budgeting & Scheduling Patent Review & Analysis **Proposal Preparation Legal Expert Witness** Market Review & Analysis Mechanical & Product Design Prototyping / 3D Printing CAD/CAE - SolidWorks Design Review Product Styling & Ergonomics **New Product Analysis** KOL Interaction

Surface Characterization Materials Selection Surface Modification Molding & Fabrication Manufacturing Analysis Failure Modes Analysis Risk Analysis page 2 of 6

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**Product** Scope

**Drug Delivery Systems** Fluidics and Microfluidics Cell Culture Products

Percutaneous Access Devices

In Vitro Diagnostic Systems Laboratory Products & Instruments

Needle-based devices

Biomaterials Selection/Analysis

Cardiovascular Devices

Biosensors Disposable Medical Products

**Dental Products** 

Soft Goods **Sport Optics** 

Mounting Systems/Platforms

Recreational Products

Ophthalmic Devices Stem Cell Devices Performance Apparel Micro Mechanisms/Sensors Device Enclosures/Housings Catheter-Based Devices

**Instrument Subsystems** Consumer Healthcare Products

**Patents** 

Syringe Aspiration Accessory Device and Methods of Use (patent pending, US & EU Nat'l Phase)

Cell Culture Apparatus and Associated Methods (8.486,692; pro se prosecution)

Airflow Applicators and Related Treatment Methods (8,475,510)

Container and Lid (US design patent pending)

Airflow Attachment (D62687)

Time Clock (D622168)

Interlocking Barriers (7,275,888) Interlocking Barrier (D552,250)

Detachable Clasping Fastener (6,243,922; pro se prosecution)

Control Barrier with Rotatable Legs (6,676,113)

Reusable Fluid Pressure Transducer Monitoring Apparatus (6,635,020)

Method and System for Performing Microdermabrasion and Suction Massage (6.926.681)

Method and System for Performing Microdermabrasion (6.582,442)

Dermabrasion Handpiece (D451,196); Dermabrasion System (D450,842)

Lens and Associatable Flow Cell (6,108,463 & 6,356,676 & 6,611,634; EP0928416; )

Interlocking Control Barrier Systems (6,086,285)

Waveguide Lens (D426,783)

Teeth Cleaning Implement with Integrated Fluid Dispenser (5.642,994)

Implantable Drug Delivery System with Piston Actuation (5,196,002 & 5,059,175)

Multiple Vesicle Implantable Drug Delivery System (5,167,625) Disposable Toothbrush Cover (5,139,142; pro se prosecution)

Technical Reports

History of Aspiration Devices and Centrifugation Vessels

History and Physics of Gas-Permeable Cell Cultureware Technical Brief: CELLUXE Gas-Permeable Cell Culture System

Analysis of Metal Sintering System for Ti Toe Fixation Impants

Thermal Block Production Methods for the Olympia PCR Instrument

Site-Rite Clinical Evaluation Report

Product Design Assessment: Defective Reading Glasses

Findings: Pingle v. BioSphere Medical, Inc.

Effects of a Magnetic Fluid Mixture on Cells Cultured in ACCS

Ergonomic Analysis of Site-Rite Ultrasound Probe

Failure of Implantable Penile Prosthesis

Sealing System for a Long-Term Dialysis Catheter

Tipping Analysis of Water-Filled Barrier Ophthalmic Electrode Materials Search

Search Report: Tube and Pipe Fittings

Manufacturing Feasibility for Production of Orlock<sup>™</sup> Tubing

Design Specification: Passive Cartridge v1.1 Apollo<sup>™</sup> Flashtube Chassis Design Verification

**Tech Reports** Prophyeze<sup>™</sup> DDPA Pros & Cons

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Optimization of Waveguide Signal-To-Noise Ratio

Implant Testing of Butyrate Sheet Subjects to Static Cling Vinyl Labels Incompatibility of Static Cling Vinyl Labels with Ski Goggle Lenses

Brittle Failure of Cellulose Propionate Sheet

Surgical Microscope Shield—Concept Design & Materials Plastics Recommendations for Modular Cellular Telephone Discussion of Goggle Spacer-Foam Adhesion Failure

L.L. Bean Lens Abrasion—Results of Optical and Physical Analysis

Sunglass Frame Materials—Comparison of Properties

Alternative Plastic Materials for High Performance Sunglass Frames

Analysis and Performance Testing of the Snap Fit Assembly of a Night Light

Materials Recommendations for Adjustable Ski Pole Clamp

Sunglass Frame Redesign—Fortified Lens Groove Sunglass Lens Failure—Hardcoat Delamination Goggle Face-Foam Adhesion—Interim Report

Coating Durability of Plastic Sunglass Lenses—QA Specification

Rutherford Backscattering Analysis of Mirror Lens Coatings

Summary of Findings—Baxter v. Cincinnati Fan

Injection Molding, Embrittlement, and ESC of Sunglass Frames

Materials for Encapsulation of Transcutaneous Energy Transmission System

Polycarbonate Thermal Lens Fogging

Process Control for Thermoformed Lens Production

Crazing of L.L. Bean Sunglass Lenses

Environmental Stress Crack Failure of Ventilator Cartridge Tubing Connector

Redesign of Ventilator Cartridge and Coupline

Miniature Implantable Drug Delivery System—Phase II Final Report

Historical and Technical Review of Drug Delivery Systems

NIH SBIR Phase I Final Report: Fibrous Substrates for Cell Culture

A Review of the FLEX Series Displacement Sensors

Electret Materials: Preparation By Corona Discharge and Electron Bombardment

Preparation of Teflon Fibers for Electret Materials

Electrostatic Spinning of Solution Polymers: Design and Surface Characterization Surface and Bulk analysis of Biomer® Polyurethane in Explanted Artificial Hearts

Review of Surface Passivation Technologies for Blood-Contact Materials

Polish Formulation and Finishing Methodology for IOL and Contact Lens Production

Review of IOL Haptic Design

**Proposals** 

Development of a Novel Bone Marrow Fractionation and Isolation Device

Development and Testing of High Performance Plate-Based Cultureware, NIH SBIR

Reliable Central-Nervous-System Interfaces, DARPA

Medical Diagnosis Platform for Category A and B Toxins and Inhalation Bacteria Rapid Diagnostics Platform for Category A and B Toxins and Inhalation Bacteria Investigation of the Effects of a Magnetic Fluid Mixture on Mammalian Cells

Advanced System for Routine Primary Hepatocyte Culture, NSF SBIR

Proposal for Design and Dev't of an Anesthesia Rebreathing Absorber Module

Ophthalmic Electrode Materials

Development and IP Review of a Micro-Dermabrasion System

**Proposals** (continued) Intermediate Waveguide: Overview and Development Budget Design and Prototype of a Custom Photo Station for AMS Design and Prototype of an Aesthetic Massage System

RFQ: Multibarrier 1B Finite Element Analysis

Test Fixtures for Fluorescence Immuno-Diagnostic System Plastic Enclosure for the Genesis-2000 Dental Laser System

Disposable Dental Articulator

Electrical Connection System for pH Enteral Feeding Catheter

Dental Implant Surgical Guide Double-Blade Biopsy Knife

Thermoformed Enclosure for Vibrotactile Tester

Plastic Enclosure for the AccuCure 3000 Dental Laser System

Materials & Analysis of Overmolded Ski Pole Grip Determination of Lens Surface Temperature

Medical Device Introducer—Materials & Fabrication Porcelain Dispensing System for Dental Fabrication Heated Matched-Mold for Thermal Lens Production

A Pet Collar Drug Delivery System

MIDDS—University of Utah Biomedical Research Support Grant Thermal Energy Generation from Palladium Hydrolytic Cells MIDDS: A Miniature Implantable Drug Delivery System

Fibrous Substrates for Cell Culture, NSF SBIR Fibrous Substrates for Cell Culture, NIH SBIR

Subcutaneous Peritoneal Access Device: Review of Potential Development Projects

**Specifications** ABE Field Ventilator: Mechanical and Housing Specification

Gemini Protein Binding Biosensor

CURIOSITY G2 Wireless Earbuds: Assembly and QC Specification

Optical Module and Assembly for Crawling Robot

Stem Cell Delivery Device: Design and Product Specification

AcmeBio Test Plate: Rack + Lid Mold Specification Thermaflux Product Development Specification

Design Specification: Site-Rite Ultrasound Probe Handle

Head Lice Treatment Device

Therapeutic Laser Handpiece Product Specification TIRF Diagnostic Device Cartridge and Instrument Portable Photo Booth Product Specification Cellulite Reduction System Design Specification

**Business Documents** 

Syrasist<sup>™</sup> Syringe Aspiration Accessory—Licensing Plan and Financial Analysis, in preparation

Celluxe<sup>™</sup> Advanced Cell Culture Products—Business Plan and Financial Analysis, 2015 Quikey<sup>™</sup> Rapid Key Link—Business and Licensing Plan and Financial Analysis, 1999

Calapso<sup>™</sup> Drinkware Products—Business Plan and Financial Analysis, 1994

SportStax<sup>™</sup> Production Financial Analysis, 1993

VersaGlove<sup>™</sup> High-performance Gloves—Business Plan and Financial Analysis, 1991

#### **Publications**

Gergely M, Shkurko K, Simon E. A Novel Technique for Automated Mass Measurements of Individual Snowflakes (AGU A23A-0177). Poster presented at: the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting; 12-16 December 2016; San Francisco, CA.

Herron JN, Wang H-K, Tan L, Brown SZ, Terry AH, Durtschi JD, Simon EM, Astill ME, Smith RS, Christensen DA. Planar Waveguide Biosensors for Point-Of-Care Clinical and Molecular Diagnostics. In: Fluorescence Sensors and Biosensors (R. B. Thompson, Ed.). Marcel Dekker, New York, 2006. pp. 283-332.

Simon E. "Be Careful with the 'Custom' Device Exclusion," SCOPE, 2(1), February 1995, p. 6.

#### Citations

Petrik, S, et al., Chapter: Functional Nanofibers for Sensors, In book: Electrospinning – Material Technology of the Future, 2022, IntechOpen: https://www.intechopen.com/books/11127.

Anstey A, et al., Nanofibrillated polymer systems: Design, application, and current state of the art. Prog. Polymer Sci, 113 (2020), Elsevier, New York, p. 2.

Chapter 10 - Electrospun Nanofibrous Filtration Membranes for Heavy Metals and Dye Removal, in Nanoscale Materials in Water Purification - Micro and Nano Technologies, 2019, Elsevier, New York, p. 5.

Marzioch, J. Microsensor System for the Metabolic Monitoring in Cancer Cell Culture, Doctoral Thesis, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau, 2019, Ch. 3.1 Cell Culturing, p. 40.

**Presentations** Rapid IVD testing using Planar Waveguide Biosensors. Presented at Biodot Inc. St. Paul Workshop "Emerging Technologies to Enable Quantitative Rapid Tests". 23-25 June 2008. St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota.

> Growing Better Cells for Science. Presented at the Wayne Brown Institute Deal Forum. 15 November 2006. Salt Lake City, Utah.

ACCS – Advanced Cell Culture System. Presented at HyClone Laboratories Inc. 29 March 2005. Logan, Utah.

Multiple Vessicle Implantable Drug Delivery Device. Presented to Merck Sharp & Dohme. March 2020. Center for Engineering Design, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fluoropolymer-based Electret Materials. Presented to DARPA. July 1988. Center for Engineering Design, Salt Lake City, Utah.

# Awards & Affiliations

Intermountain Society of Inventors and Designers Society of Plastics Engineers Intermountain Biomedical Association Utah Soc for Biomaterials Research (President, 1985) College of Engineering Scholarship, U of Utah Regent's Scholarship, U of Michigan Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

#### After Hours

Inventing | Cooking | Road & Mountain Biking | Alpine & Nordic Skiing | Whitewater Kayaking