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## 2003-2004 Monthly Seminar Series on Space Research

16 October, 20 November, 15 January, 19 February, 15 April, 20 May  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

### ***Microsatellites – How They Can Revolutionize Space***

**JEFF JANICIK**

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Date: **19 February 2004\_Thursday** Time: **4:10-5:00 pm**

Location: **1065 Kemper**

Refreshments will be provided at 4:00 p.m.

#### **ABSTRACT**

Today's satellites tend to be large, expensive, power-hungry, slow to assemble, test and integrate, are generally unique to each payload, and often take as much as 90 days to "commission" on-orbit. An industry goal is to develop high performance modular microsatellites and a corresponding microsatellite operating systems that can be quickly assembled, tested, and commissioned, and that is not a custom designed for each mission or payload. A modular system can use current and future subsystem components and software, while naturally maintaining state-of-the-art performance. This can dramatically reduce the size, mass and power requirements of subsystems and may result in on-demand launch and responsive, quick on-orbit commissioning.

This seminar will focus on the design methods required to make a microsatellite. One of the primary methods to be presented is a system-wide implementation of TCP/IP communications on a microsatellite thus making "anytime, anywhere" real-time data access and operations a reality. In addition, a brief overview of the University Nanosat program sponsored by the Air Force will be presented.

#### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Jeff Janicik is the Director of Engineering at SpaceDev, CA. He has been SpaceDev's lead for the NASA CHIPSat satellite project from the start, including full management of a multi-organization team, project costs and schedule, technical performance, systems trades and implementation, and risk management. At present he is the technical and managerial lead for the MDA Distributed Satellite Experiment. Prior to his current position he had ten years experience as a project manager, engineer, and instructor for the United States Air Force. While at the Air Force Space and Missiles Systems Center (SMC/TE), he served as Test Manager, Military Spaceplane Technology Division as well as the Chief, Space Test Strategic Planning, designing low cost, streamlined approaches for the X-37 and the X-40A programs. He directed the first-ever autonomous approach and landing of an unmanned space vehicle. While he was at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center he was an A-10 Flight Test Engineer, where he directed 120 A-10 aircraft test missions. He received his M.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Davis and a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

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