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II. EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh	9/64-5/68	BSAE	1968	Aerospace Engineering
Northwestern University	9/68-3/71	MSME	1969	Mechanical Engineering
University of Virginia	9/73-4/77	PhDME	1977	Mechanical Engineering (Rotor & Bearing Dynamics)

III. EMPLOYMENT

7/09-Present	General Manager, Lufkin-RMT
9/88-6/09	Owner, President, Rotating Machinery Technology, Inc.
2/83-9/88	Supervisor, Rotordynamics Group, Dresser-Rand (Turbodyne)
5/78-2/83	Senior Engineer, Rotordynamics Group, Ingersoll-Rand
1/78-5/78	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Virginia
9/77-12/77	Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Virginia
6/76-8/76	Analytical Engineer, Rotordynamics Group, Ingersoll-Rand

IV. PUBLICATIONS & SHORT COURSES

1. Co-author of 44 technical papers and journal articles (see Section VII).
2. Co-author of 21 technical reports at the University of Virginia.
3. Co-author of 48 technical reports at Ingersoll-Rand.
4. Co-author of 140 technical reports at Dresser-Rand.
5. Author of 285 rotordynamic reports at Lufkin-RMT.
6. Co-sponsor and co-instructor of over 40 short courses in rotordynamics and bearing design in the US, Europe & South America.

V. PATENTS

1. Fluid Film Pocket Bearing, U.S. Patent No. 4,302,060.
2. Tilting Pad Journal Bearing Spray-Bar Blocker, U.S. Patent No. 5,738,447.
3. Bearing Assembly with By-Pass Cooling, U.S. Patent No. 6,485,182.
4. Disc Spring Centering Device for Squeeze Film Dampers, U.S. Patent No. 7,066,651.

VI. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

1. American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
 - a. Reviewer, *ASME Transactions*.
2. Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers.
 - a. Reviewer, *Tribology Transactions*.
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3. Member of the Vibrations Institute.
4. Author and Editor of the API 684 Stability Tutorial, 2002-2010.
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VII. PUBLICATIONS - TECHNICAL PAPERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

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5. **Nicholas, J. C.**, Gunter, E. J., Allaire, P. E., "Stiffness and Damping Coefficients for the Five Pad Tilting Pad Bearing," *ASLE Trans.*, Vol. 22, No. 2, April 1979, pp. 112-124.
6. Allaire, P. E., **Nicholas, J. C.**, Barrett, L. E., "Analysis of Step Journal Bearings - Infinite Length, Inertia Effects," *ASLE Trans.*, Vol. 22, No. 4, October 1979, pp. 333-341.
7. **Nicholas, J. C.**, Kirk, R. G., "Selection and Design of Tilting Pad and Fixed Lobe Journal Bearings for Optimum Turborotor Dynamics," *Proceedings of the Eighth Turbomachinery Symposium*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, November, 1979.

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9. **Nicholas, J. C.**, Allaire, P. E., "Analysis of Step Journal Bearings - Finite Length, Stability," *ASLE Trans.*, Vol. 23, No. 2, April 1980, pp. 197-207.
10. **Nicholas, J. C.**, Barrett, L. E., Leader, M. E., "Experimental-Theoretical Comparison of Instability Onset Speeds for a Three Mass Rotor Supported by Step Journal Bearings," *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design*, Vol. 102, No. 2, April 1980, pp. 344-351.
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12. **Nicholas, J. C.**, Kirk R. G., "Theory and Application of Multi-Pocket Bearings for Optimum Turborotor Stability," *ASLE Trans.*, Vol. 24, No. 2, April 1981, pp. 269-275.
13. **Nicholas, J. C.**, "Stabilized Bearings with Finite- Element Analysis," *Machine Design*, No. 16, July 9, 1981, pp. 169-170.
14. Kirk, R. G., **Nicholas, J. C.**, Donald, G. H., Murphy, R. C., "Analysis and Identification of Subsynchronous Vibration for a High Pressure Parallel Flow Centrifugal Compressor," Symposium - Workshop on Rotordynamic Instability Problems in High-Performance Turbomachinery, *NASA Conference Publication 2133*, 1980.
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