

Sigma Xi Charleston Chapter

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Annual Awards and Membership Banquet, Thursday, April 18

The Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi invites you to attend our annual membership banquet, **Thursday, April 18** in the Regimental Commanders' Riverview Room, Coward Hall, The Citadel. Our speaker, **Dr. Joe Carson**, is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the College of Charleston. His talk is entitled "Imaging Planets Around the Most Massive Stars."

Talk summary: I will be summarizing the current knowledge and understanding of planets around other stars, including some of the implications for possibilities of life outside our solar system. As part of this discussion, I will be describing my own work in direct imaging extrasolar planets around massive stars. This includes my and collaborators' recent imaging discovery of a "super-Jupiter" around what is the most massive star ever known to host a planet system.

A reception commencing at 6:15 pm will begin the evening's festivities. Sweet tea and water in punch bowls with floating lemon wheels as well as unsweetened ice tea in pitchers will be available. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm with the program following.

Dinner is a choice of three entrées: roasted **prime rib** of beef, Charleston **crab cakes** with creamed corn sauce, or vegetarian porcini mushroom **ravioli** with grape tomatoes, artichoke hearts and parmesan. Side vegetables with the first two entrées will be roasted asparagus and red roasted potatoes. Salad of Boston Bibb and baby romaine lettuces with red grapes and crumbled Gorgonzola will also be served. Dessert will be chocolate mousse with a garnish of shaved dark chocolate and berries. Coffee will be available with dessert. Spouses and guests are cordially invited. Please **RSVP** your entrée preferences using the attached form by email or mail to Dr. Mei Chen by **April 15** with a check payable to *The Citadel, Sigma Xi*. **Dinner prices are \$28 for prime rib, \$25.50 for crab cakes, and \$17 for ravioli.** For more information please email Dr. Chen (chenm@citadel.edu) or call her (953-7896).

Parking Directions for The Citadel

Coward Hall is next to Indian Hill, the highest natural point in Charleston, which has a water tower on it. If you drive through the main gate (Moultrie Street), go straight past the Parade Grounds (alias Summerall Field) on your right. Turn right at the 2nd stop sign (a T intersection). After going past a barracks (on your right), Coward Hall will be on your right. You can park in this area of the street or in marked spaces along the first or second street past Coward Hall on the right. The Riverview Room is in the part of the

building that you see and faces the Ashley River. An elevator is available on the opposite side of the building. A campus map is available at <http://citadel.edu/r3/about/map/parking1.shtml> Directions to The Citadel can be found at <http://citadel.edu/r3/about/map/index.shtml>

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Specify number who would like: Prime rib _____ Crab cakes _____ Ravioli _____

Please return with your check for **\$28 (prime rib), \$25.50 (crab cakes) or \$17 (ravioli) per person** payable to *The Citadel, Sigma Xi* to Dr. Mei Chen, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Thompson Hall, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC 29409 by **Monday, April 15**.