Associate Spotlight: Chris Robinson

Chris Robinson is a man of many talents. He is a visual artist. He trained on NASA’s zero gravity aircraft, the Weightless Wonder. He is a high-altitude mountaineer. He has ridden his bike across the U.S., and he used to participate in rodeos, where he rode bulls and bareback broncos and roped like a true cowboy.

This adventurer was born in Cold Spring Harbor, New York. He attended Florida State University, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting and Art History. He then received his Masters of Fine Arts in Sculpture and Drawing from the University of Massachusetts. After moving to Columbia, he discovered that his family actually settled in Dutch Fork, SC in the 1750s.

Chris has been with the university for 38 years, he says, “it hurts to admit that.” But what’s even more special about his time here is that he spent 2002-2006 serving as the faculty principal of Preston!

Beyond his involvement in Preston, Chris is “a visual artist whose work concentrates on contemporary science and technology, and have worked in laser and perceptual light installations, 3D digital imaging, aviation and space development, expeditions and scientific exploration, and the societal implications and role of images in the development of nanotechnology.”

When you combine his many unique and adventurous experiences and hobbies with his fascinating and artistic talents, well he could give the most interesting man in the world a run for his money.
A Message From Dr. Donaldson:
"Dear members of Preston: Every day I am reminded of the amazing and talented individuals who make Preston such an exceptional place to live and learn. As you know, our residents excel in leadership positions, in community engagement, in the creative arts, and especially in the classroom. The recent announcement of the Fall 2012 President and Dean's honors list is just another example of the extraordinary scholars and leaders who reside in our community. Congratulations to everyone!"

Congratulations To Our Preston Residents
That Made The Honor's List Last Semester

Brendan Bailey  Rasmine Baker  Matthew Carpenter
Kaylin Childers  Casey Dajani  Ebony Daniels
Branson Despres  Dominique Francis  Dennis Guan
Lia Grabowski  Daniel Guerriero  Wilson Harris
Brady Holaus  Brigitte Hood  Michael Isreal
Alice Le  Nicole Magin  Ikeia Miller
Daniel O'Dowd  Ronen Rappaport  Miles Reese
Stephanie Shealy  Morgan Simpson  Breanna Smith
Carli Smollen  Jenna Stephens  Nicholas Stevens
Brianna Walker  Michael Wines  Sarah Zakerski

Congratulations To The Preston Residents
That Made The Dean's List This Past Semester!

Kathryn Albano  Aaron Anderson  David Berryhill  Krista Biernat  Tyler Blodel
Michael Boner  Jason Butler  Scarlett Byrd  Kaylee Calvin  Zacary Carlton
Christopher Carragher  Connor Cashman  Kimberly Charlton  Travis Chiles  Samuel Christnus
Elizabeth Darazs  Ketaki Datar  Alexis Deese  Taylor Des Marais  Anthony DeTroye
Dominick Donaldson  Nikita D'Souza  Jessica Eady  Leah Edwards  Audrey Ellison
Justin Epperson  Sidney Fain  Juel Foster  Bailey Frye  Nathan Goiff
Ja'Qor Godown  Willard Grainger  Dylan Grigsby  Meredith Hamilton  Joseph Hanigosky
Jordan Hicks  Kami Holder  Stephen Hurlbut  Timothy Jackman  Marquis Johnson
Darya Kaborda  Keenan Kasperski  Jonathan Kim  Andrew Koutroulakis  Grayson Lamber
Jacob Leyland  Hayley Loughlin  Michael Ludwig  Christopher Massey  David Meador
Meera Mehta  Emma Michaels  Ashley Miller  Alma Mononchu  Chloe Munoz
Cormac O'Connor  Racehl Odzer  Amber Olbon  Jasmine Oliphant  Lauren Oljar
Kara Palslo  Roshani Parikh  Alexander Payne  Zane Petosa  McKinsey Poole
Haley Rabin  Charles Reese  Brianna Sarcone  Sarah Schau  Griffin Schultz
Hannah Sellers  Tyler Sheehan  Karen Shebiski  Maura Simpson  Neal Stevenson
Margaret Stewart  Claire Thompson  Abigail Todd  Alexandria Vannosi  Catherine Vause
Michael Weeks  Joseph Wendt  Austin Wise  Jonathan Withrow
### Preston Dining!

**Monday**  
Wing Bar  
Buffalo Wings  
Honey Mustard Wings  
Barbeque Wings  
Honey Glazed Carrots  
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce  
Sesame Tofu Stir Fry

**Tuesday**  
Burger Bar  
Hot Dogs  
Chicken Tenders  
French Fries  
Steamed Cut Corn  
Baked Beans  
Garden or Black Bean Burgers

**Wednesday**  
Asian Bar  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Polynesian Roasted Vegetables  
Confetti Rice  
Fried Zucchini Sticks  
Steamed Snow Peas  
Vegetable Fried Rice

**Thursday**  
BBQ  
Marinated Flank Steak  
BBQ Pork Loin  
Santa Fe Rice  
Mesquite Roasted Potatoes  
Confetti Corn  
Roasted Pepper and Gouda Quesadilla

### Hot Off the Grill!

- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Grilled Hamburgers
- Lemon Pepper Honey Glazed Salmon
- Hibachi Chicken & Vegetables

### Happy Birthday Preston!

- **Daniel Guerriero** 2/4
- **Jared Comras** 2/7
- **Ebony Daniels** 2/8
- **Jacob Meyer** 2/11

### Events Calendar

**Sunday**  
2/3
- Speed Dating With Associates  
  6pm  
  PDIning

**Monday**  
2/4
- Valentine's Day  
  10:08pm  
  JCR.

**Tuesday**  
2/5
- Cereal Killer  
  10:08pm  
  JCR.

**Wednesday**  
2/6
- Valentine's Day  
  4pm  
  JCR.

**Thursday**  
2/7
- Valentine's Day!  
  8pm  
  JCR.

**Friday**  
2/8
- Valentine's Day  
  Tea  
  4pm  
  JCR.

**Saturday**  
2/9
- Valentine's Day

**2/10**
- Ray Tanner At PDIning  
  6pm

**2/11**
- Valentine's Day

**2/12**
- Valentine's Day

**2/13**
- Valentine's Day

**2/14**
- Valentine's Day

**2/15**
- Valentine's Day

**2/16**
- Valentine's Day
Shout out to Dr. D for being the featured speaker at local events commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights movement. Learn more about Columbia's part in the Civil Rights movement at http://www.columbiasc63.com/index.html.

Service Saturday
Registration for the February 16th Service Saturday is now open! If you’re interested, please visit the website at http://www.sa.sc.edu/communitieservice/servicesat/

Congratulations to our RHD, Ryan Lloyd: Ryan has been elected as the Director of Professional Development for the Student Personnel Association (SPA) in the higher education and student affairs master's program.

Don’t Keep it to Yourself – Share Your Experience at Discovery Day 2013

Have you done something you’re proud of or want to share?

Have you…

- Returned from a study abroad experience
- Completed a research project in the arts, sciences, humanities, or social sciences
- Competed for a national scholarship
- Participated in a life-changing community service or service-learning experience
- Developed your leadership potential
- Interned or co-op’ed at a local, national, or international company

ALL undergraduate students, ALL majors, and ALL USC campuses are welcome! Students are invited to participate in Discovery Day, so join us again.

PRIORITY DEADLINE: Participants have the opportunity to make poster, oral, creative, or artistic presentations and visual art displays, including theatrical, musical, or creative writing presentations.

To register your poster or presentation, you must submit an abstract online at http://www.sc.edu/our/abstracts.php. The due date to submit your abstract is Friday, March 8, 2013.

MAGELLAN RECIPIENTS: You do have to submit your abstract/project description by the deadline to present. You are NOT registered automatically!
Carolina Productions

Can you make a 5-minute movie in a week?
Campus MovieFest (CMF), the world's largest student film festival and a premier outlet for the next generation of filmmakers, provides students with everything they need — including Panasonic HD camcorders and Apple laptops — to make a five-minute movie in one week. Sign-up now for USC's Campus MovieFest.

Equipment distribution and filming begins on Monday, February 4.

Check out more info, and all the movies ever created during CMF at campusmoviefest.com.

Comedian, Nick Offerman, will be at the Koger Center on Feb 5th at 8 PM!
Get your FREE ticket with your Carolina Card at the RH Info Center or the Koger Box Office.

Delta Delta Delta is hiring student workers for dishwashing shifts throughout the week.
The shift is Sunday through Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 PM in the TriDelta house with a pay rate of $8.00/hour and a meal is included.

If you interested, please contact Erin Wilson ASAP at wilsonen@mailbox.sc.edu, or come by the Delta Delta Delta house in the Greek Village between 9 AM and 5 PM (please ask for Erin or Jon Bankert).

Diversity Retreat Applications Now Available!
Come join other students from Carolina and Columbia College as we embark on an experiential adventure learning more about ourselves, each other and our communities. The retreat culminates with the creation of an action plan to bring positive sustainable change to your community. This life-changing retreat is open to ANY student at USC with all meals, housing and transportation provided. The retreat will take place March 1-3. Applications are being accepted until February 13th.

Applications can be found here: http://bit.ly/WppQdj.

Please contact Gavin Weiser with any questions at weiser@mailbox.sc.edu.

3rd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium

Please consider presenting at the 3rd annual M.O.S.A.I.C. Symposium (Meaningful Opportunities for Students to Achieve International Competencies) on March 23, 2013. This symposium is a one-day conference co-sponsored by the Study Abroad Office, Opportunity Scholars Program & the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

The symposium is open to all USC students, and students who are typically underrepresented in International Education are especially encouraged to participate. Typically underrepresented students include, but are not limited to, the following groups: African American students, Hispanic American students, as well as first-generation students (those whose parents have not obtained a college degree).

To submit a session proposal, click on the following link to complete the brief proposal form:

Proposals should be submitted online by February 8th, 2013.
Not currently exercising, but would like to start?

The Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina is currently enrolling participants in the Energy Flux Study! They are looking for healthy men and women, not regularly exercising, ages 21–45. The purpose of the Energy Flux Study is to determine the differences in health between people participating in different amounts of exercise.

As part of this exciting study we will be taking very detailed measurements of how many calories people eat and how many calories people burn at various points over a six month period. In addition, we will take very precise measurements of body weight, body composition (percent body muscle, percent body fat), metabolism, and fitness levels. We will give everyone this information at the end of the study in the form of a personalized report prepared by our study staff.

All individuals will be given a free six month exercise program that we will ask to be completed at our state-of-the-art on-campus facility. Exercise trainers will be provided to guide you, motivate you, and monitor your progress! In addition, up to $1000 is available to compensate you for your time. If you or someone you know are interested being a part of this important research program, please visit http://energyflux.sc.edu for more information and to sign up today!