

Bulletin for the History of Chemistry Best Paper Award for 2014

The winner of the Best Paper Award for 2014 is Professor Amy Bix of the History Department at Iowa State University. The paper was “Chemistry of Cooking, Chemistry in War: Women in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Land-Grant Science and Engineering” that appeared in Volume 38, No. 2, 132-139 (2013).



Amy Sue Bix obtained her B.S. in Biology from Princeton University with High Honors and an additional concentration in Science and Human Affairs in 1987. She earned the Ph.D. in the History of Science from Johns Hopkins University in 1994 with a thesis entitled: "Inventing Ourselves Out of Jobs?: America's Depression-Era Debate over Technological Unemployment" (Johns Hopkins Press, 2000). She has been at Iowa State since 1993.

Professor Bix has become very well-known for her insightful work into the role of gender in science. Her most recent book is entitled: “Girls coming to Tech!: A History of American Engineering Education for Women” (MIT Press, 2014). She won the Betty Vetter Award for Research sponsored by the Women in Engineering Proactive Network (WEPAN) in 2014 for notable achievement in research related to women in engineering. She served as the Executive Secretary of the Society for the History of Technology from 2004-2008.