

Chemical Heritage Foundation director to deliver Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture

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On Monday, Sept. 30 Dr. Jody Roberts of the Chemical Heritage Foundation will present the Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture at 7 p.m. in the Knight Club, Alfred University Powell Campus Center. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Roberts's Sigma Xi lecture will focus on the ways in which the history of chemistry directs future action, particularly in the field of green chemistry. He will also outline the possibilities which could alter the science and politics of more ecologically sustainable chemistry.

During his graduate and doctoral studies, Roberts cultivated an interest in the relationship between molecular science and the politics of the broader world. This interest became the basis of his work at the Chemical Heritage Foundation and of his lectures.

Roberts serves as director of the Center for Contemporary History and Policy at the Chemical Heritage Foundation located in Philadelphia. He is also lecturer for history and sociology of science at the University of Pennsylvania and a research professor for the Center for Science, Technology, and Society at Drexel University. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Saint Vincent College and a master of science degree and Ph.D. in science and technology studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society, was founded in 1886 to foster companionship among researchers in science and engineering and to honor excellence in scientific investigation. Alfred University's first chapter appeared in 1953 and was re-established in spring 2013. Students with an aptitude for research within the pure or applied sciences may be nominated; faculty may become members as well.