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Doris M. Cook, the first woman hired as a full-time accounting professor at the University of Arkansas, who taught at the Sam M. Walton College of Business for 53 years, passed away January 4, 2016. She was 91.

Cook joined the Walton faculty in 1947 and taught at the school until 2000, including three years teaching part-time after her retirement in 1997.

Known for a long list of firsts at the U of A, Cook was best known to her accounting students as a beloved teacher and as the professor who wore red to class every day.



“Dr. Doris Cook was a woman of many firsts, including first in the hearts of generations of accounting students,” said Karen V. Pincus, Walton College accounting professor. “She dressed in Razorback red every day, and her devotion to the University of Arkansas knew no bounds – an unforgettable professor.”

Cook was honored over the years for research and teaching and for her many firsts at the university and in the state and the nation. Among those were:

- First full-time woman professor hired in the Department of Accounting
- First woman Certified Public Accountant in Arkansas
- First woman member of the Arkansas Society of CPAs
- First woman to serve on the National Council for BAPsi, International Honor Organization for Financial Information Students & Professionals
- First woman to serve as national president of Beta Alpha Psi
- First woman at the University of Arkansas to hold an endowed lectureship or chair (the Nolan E. Williams Lectureship in Accounting)
- First woman at the University of Arkansas to hold rank of University Professor

In 1946, Cook earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and in 1949 a Master of Science, both were in accounting and from the U of A. Cook graduated as the most outstanding scholastic senior and was elected to *Who's*

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time. Professor Fafatas' other current research focus relates to the history of financial reporting in the U.S. He is particularly interested in the evolution of financial statement presentation and disclosure choice among 19th century transportation companies.

Stephan is a recently elected Vice President of the Academy of Accounting Historians. He is a member of several organizations related to both his personal and academic interests in history including the Virginia Historical Society, the Rockbridge (VA) Historical Society, and the Society for American Baseball Research.

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Who in American Colleges and Universities. She received her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1968. In 1997, she was honored as the accounting department's outstanding alumna.

Information from an article by the University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business, January 8, 2016.

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Bob leaves another legacy in Australia: a daughter (Theresa) and granddaughter (Carina), who flew back to Exeter in time to be with him, his ailing wife (Agnelle) and his son (Michael) for his last few weeks.

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