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Dr. Harriet Amos Doss

We would like to dedicate the 24th edition of the *Vulcan* to Dr. Harriet Amos Doss. For over 42 years, students and colleagues of Dr. Doss have recognized her “superior, significant, and sustained contributions to the teaching and study of history in the state of Alabama” (Alabama Association of Historians). Dr. Doss began her academic study at Agnes Scott College in 1972, followed by earning a masters and PhD from Emory University. Her professional teaching career began at Northern Michigan University in 1977 and then became a permanent fixture at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) since 1978.

An Alabama native, Dr. Doss was born in Mobile and raised by her parents Bevil T. and Nona S. Amos. She later met and married her husband Chris Doss. In addition to her strong southern roots and plethora of accomplishments, Harriet Amos Doss is known statewide for her teaching expertise and vast research knowledge. Her favorite courses centered around American History (the Civil War and Reconstruction), Southern Women, and Historical Research and Writing.

In addition to her contribution of articles to many journals and anthologies, Dr. Doss published, *Cotton City: Urban Development in Antebellum Mobile*, as well as several book chapters with a focus on Alabama history. Her many academic distinctions are evidence of the excellent standard held by Dr. Doss throughout her career and include the Milo B. Howard Jr. Award (AHA) and President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (UAB).

Finally, Dr. Doss’s commitment to her students’ historical research and writing is perhaps one of her most appreciated talents. She strives to get the best out of every one of us, and every student in her classes will tell you they are a better historian and writer because of her.

Thank you, Dr. Doss, for the decades of dedication you gave to aspiring historians, researchers, and writers. You continue to be a favored faculty member and mentor of countless students and Alabama residents. We miss you already – have a happy retirement!