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American mathematician who received her Ph.D. in mathematics from Columbia University in 1930. She was the first woman math instructor at New Jersey State Teachers College. During the 1930s she became acting department chairman of mathematics with the New York City School System and taught curriculum methods at Brooklyn College. During 1943-45 she worked at Columbia University's Division of War Research. She is well known for her book *The Nature and Growth of Modern Mathematics*, published in 1970, the culmination of 14 years of work.