

Gender and Multicultural Issues

Doris Schattschneider was supported by her family as well as others. In high school she had a math teacher who was a woman and who encouraged her to go on and study math. The only account of “discrimination” that I could find is that in college Doris took a physics course because she enjoyed physics. Her instructor in that course encouraged her not to pursue physics. The source did not come right out and say the instructor felt this way because Doris was a woman, however it is possible that the instructor felt this way because of this fact.

Doris had always enjoyed art and mathematics. She blended the two together by studying algebra, geometry, tiling problems and the art of M.C. Escher. We have seen other women mathematicians that have studied other forms of geometry and visual type mathematics.

Doris also has always enjoyed teaching. In high school, she would help her peers with mathematics and help them study for the Regents examinations. Her mother and grandfather were teachers and this is possibly where Doris got her love of teaching. She continues to teach today; she is a Professor of mathematics at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and has taught there for over thirty years. She is married, but I could not find what her husband does (i.e. if he is a mathematician or not).