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# In Memoriam: Eleanor Maccoby (1917-2018)

Dr. Eleanor Maccoby was a leading voice in the field of gender studies and child and family psychology.

From the *Stanford News*, December 14, 2018:

## Stanford psychologist Eleanor Maccoby dies at 101

*Eleanor Maccoby, the first woman to serve as chair of the Stanford Department of Psychology, was recognized for her scholarly contributions to gender studies and child and family psychology.*

Eleanor Maccoby, the Barbara Kimball Browning Professor of Psychology, Emerita, at Stanford, recognized for scholarly contributions to gender studies and child and family psychology, died Dec. 11 at age 101 of pneumonia in Palo Alto.

Maccoby was the first woman to serve as chair of the Stanford Department of Psychology, a position she held from 1973 to 1976. At Stanford, Maccoby was associated with the Center for the Study of Families, Children and Youth. Through that work, she became known for research on social and intellectual development in children. She made key contributions to understanding differences in development between girls and boys, infants' emotional attachments and how divorce and child custody affect children. [Read the full article from the Stanford News.](#)