

KATHARINE JOCHER

Katharine Jocher is a distinguished sociologist, administrator, and editor. Born in Philadelphia, she was educated at Goucher College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she remained for her entire professional career. Dr. Jocher was the first woman on this faculty to progress through the academic levels from the rank of Instructor to that of Professor.

Dr. Jocher is the author or co-author of three books and several articles. Perhaps her most important professional posts were those of Managing Editor, Editor, and Book Review Editor of Social Forces, one of the world's leading sociological journals, for nearly forty years, and that of Associate Director of the Institute for Research in Social Science for thirty years. Much of her work has been behind the scenes. She helped innumerable students and colleagues in their research and publication. She worked closely with Howard Odum in many of his research endeavors and in developing and administering the Institute for Research in Social Science.

Recognition has come to Dr. Jocher in several ways. She was the first woman to be President of the Southern Sociological Society and she held high positions in the American Sociological Association, of which she is a life member, and in other important organizations. This University now pays tribute to one whose distinguished scholarship, administrative leadership, and generous aid to others have enhanced its own greatness. Exactly a half-century ago Dr. Jocher was awarded the Ph.D. here. Now her grateful alma mater presents this further award.