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Dr. Henrietta T. Smith was the first black woman and the first black tenure-track faculty member to teach as an instructor at Vassar College in 1954. In 1968 she earned her appointment as full professor in the Psychology department and

in 1973 was named the Margaret Stiles Helleck Chair of Social Sciences. Earlier in her career she worked as a research assistant at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education studying the education of disadvantaged children and the

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