



Professor Harold D. "Skip" Skipper

Dr. Skipper passed away in his sleep on February 7, 2022, from ALS. Skip was a world-renowned author whose scholarship focused on insurance-related public policy issues, particularly financial supervision, taxation, and international trade. His work played an essential role in the World Trade Organization's General Agreement on Trade in Services. He was a prolific thought leader, publishing over 60 journal articles and book chapters. In addition, he co-authored a leading textbook on international insurance. He also served as a co-author of the 15th edition of *Life Insurance*, Solomon S. Huebner's seminal insurance textbook originally published in 1915.

Dr. Skipper was a visiting professor at the University of Paris and at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He served on advisory boards for the Center for Social Security and Insurance Research at Peking University, the Center for Insurance Research at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, and the Singapore College of Insurance. He served as Economics Affairs Officer with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva. He worked with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Bank, the U. S. Department of Commerce, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Skip served as President of the American Risk and Insurance Association (1993-1994), Vice President of the International Insurance Society, Associate Editor of the JRI, was active in various academic-related NAIC activities, and was the moving force behind the creation of the Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association.

Skip was born and raised in Alabama, where he married his high-school sweetheart, Toni Pitts. Skip and Toni moved to Atlanta, earning his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University. He then was accepted to Wharton and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Huebner Fellow. Upon his retirement in 2007, Skip held the C. V. Starr Chair of International Insurance.

He loved exploring, traveling, skiing, wine, and Breckenridge. Skip was the embodiment of a Southern gentleman and mentored numerous ARIA members and GSU colleagues. Skip was devoted to Toni, his daughter Tara and son-in-law Chris, and his grandchild Dana. He was a friend and will be greatly missed.