

1941

Name Blackwell, David Harold

(1919)

Negro

White Southerner

Position Fellow in Mathematics, University of Illinois

Special Field Group

Mathematics

College University of Illinois, A. B., 1938

University University of Illinois, A. M., 1939, Ph. D., 1941

Plan of Work:

Summer of study in mathematics at the University of Illinois, the next nine months at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,650



Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi. Two fellowships in mathematics at the University of Illinois, 1939-40, \$500, 1940-41, \$600.

*Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana*

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BLACKWELL, DAVID H.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

At the end of his study at the Institute for Advanced Study, Mr. Blackwell went to the Office of Price Administration as Assistant Statistician in the Research Division. 4/26/42

Instructor in mathematics and physics, Southern University, Louisiana, fall of 1942.



BLACKWELL, DAVID H.

PUBLICATIONS.

"Idempotent Markoff Chains," Annals of Mathematics, July, 1942.

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Name David Harold Blackwell Field: Mathematics

Fellow in Mathematics
University of Illinois
1301 West Clark Street, Urbana

Plan of Work To investigate the properties of non-temporally homogeneous Markoff chains.

Wishes to attend Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, working under Dr. J. L. Doob. Seeks no degree. Probable duration of study one year, beginning June, 1941. Wishes to teach mathematics in a Negro college. (Dr. Doob is Mr. Blackwell's professor at the University of Illinois.)

Summer Ses. at U. of Illinois, 1941

12 mos request.

Personal Data Born Centralia, Illinois, April, 1919. Single. Age: 22

Undergraduate Work University of Illinois, A. B., 1938.

Graduate Work University of Illinois, A. M., 1939.

University of Illinois, Ph.D. probably June, 1941.

Experience

Accomplishments Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi.

Fellowships: University of Illinois, 1939-40, \$500; 1940-41, \$600.

References

Dr. J. L. Doob, University of Illinois
Dr. A. B. Coble, University of Illinois

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,650
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$1,650

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

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Approved #1650

DAVID H. BLACKWELL

At least two of the Institute for Advanced Study mathematics staff will be at the University of Illinois for the summer session of 1941, so Mr. Blackwell is staying there for that term. Will be in Princeton about September 1 for work at the Institute. 5/27/41

9/10/41 Address School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey

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