

FELLOWSHIPS

May 13, 1948

Dear Mr. Bjurberg: Because of the closing of the Fund on June 30, payment of this year's fellowship awards will be handled by Mr. Nathan W. Levin, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Your award covers a twelve-month period beginning September 1. When plans are completed for your study, write Mr. Levin giving him the address to which your checks should be mailed. The fellowship will then be paid in four quarterly installments.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELWIDGE

DAE:RC

Mr. (Richard H.) Bjurberg
302 1/2 East Magnolia
Auburn, Alabama

cc: Mr. Nathan W. Levin

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Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

FELLOWSHIPS

April 27, 1948.

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Mrs. Hilde Reitzes,
Committee on Fellowships,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Reitzes:

Again I would like to thank you and the Committee on Fellowships for the grant which was given to me. I assure you that I will do everything in my power to live up to the high standards which are expected of me.

I recently received a graduate fellowship from the Senior College and Graduate School of Vanderbilt University. The stipend is \$1000 less tuition and fees which amount to about \$375. I have accepted this grant and will enter the University in September, 1948.

The college in which I am teaching is granting me a leave of absence to work toward the Ph.D.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity for without your grant it would have been impossible for me to take work toward the Ph.D.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bjurberg
Richard Bjurberg.

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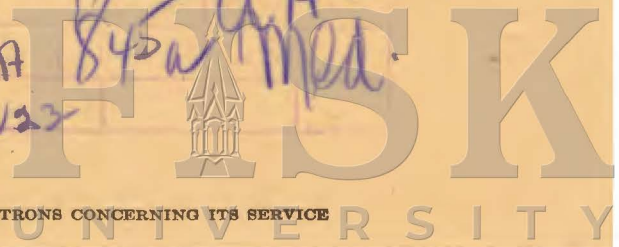
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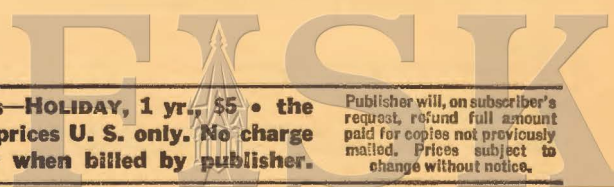
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March 22, 1948

Mr. Richard Ejurberg
 Auburn, Alabama

FINAL FELLOWSHIP DECISIONS APRIL 17. BUT YOU ARE SO HIGH ON PRELIMINARY SELECTIONS THAT AWARD IS ALMOST CERTAIN.

Edwin R. Embree



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RICHARD BJURBERG.

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Auburn, Alabama
March 22, 1948

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4901 Ellis Avenue
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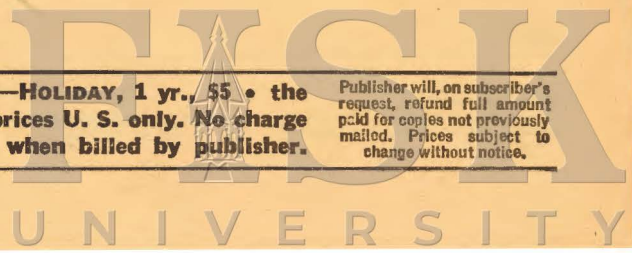
Still am interested in fellowship. Would like information concerning whether or not I have been eliminated from consideration. Have opportunity for an advanced college position. Decision to accept or reject new position depends on fellowship. Please wire answer collect.

Richard Bjurberg

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Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

December 27, 1947.

Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find my application for a Rosenwald Fellowship. I believe that this application is complete in every detail. If there is any further information which I might furnish you, please feel free to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bjurberg
Richard Bjurberg.

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Auburn, Alabama

FELLOWSHIPS

November 2, 1947.

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Mrs. Hilde Reitzes,
Committee on Fellowships,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Reitzes:

I am interested in applying for a fellowship offered by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. At present, I am an Instructor of History at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Auburn, Alabama. I have completed my Master's Degree and at the present I am working on a research project concerning Alabama's politicians between the period 1830 and 1860. Included in this study, I am trying to find out the economic status of these politicians and correlate this information with their political utterances. The conclusion to relate whether or not these politicians were of the large planter class.

I am twenty-six years old and have a family of two children. I am anxious to continue my studies toward a PhD Degree at another University. To do this, I will need financial assistance. If you think that I might qualify to apply for a Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowship, I would appreciate it if you would send to me the necessary forms.

I would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard B. Purberg
Richard B. Purberg,
302 1/2 East Magnolia
Auburn, Alabama.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Richard Henry Bjurberg
Report Requested of Dr. Roger Allen, Dean
 School of Science and Literature
 Alabama Polytechnic Institute
 Auburn, Alabama

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's qualifications and an appraisal of his plan of work and of his ability to make a noteworthy contribution in his field. These fellowships are not intended to give aid to "worthy and deserving" students, but to enable people of exceptional talent to come to their fullest powers. Since it is impossible to consider the applicant's qualifications until all of the references are in, a prompt reply will be appreciated.

We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Committee on Fellowships

REPORT

Mr. Bjurberg is one of our most promising graduates. He is one of our most promising staff members, possessing all of the significant potentialities of a great teacher;-industry, inquisitiveness, good balance, good mind, excellent character, keen humor, eagerness to serve, very cooperative, and pleasing personality.

His urge toward creativeness and his intense interest in the South has led us to urge him to continue one phase of this interest under the Rosenwald Fund, if possible. We believe he is an exceptionally able young man and will measure up to your expectations and demands in every way. His plan of work meets with our hearty approval.

Roger Allen, Dean
Science and Literature
Alabama Polytechnic Institute

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Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities? *yes.*

Signed..... *Kogel Allen*

Position or Title..... *Dean, School of Science and Literature*

Address..... *Alabama Polytechnic Institute*

Date..... *1/26/48*

Please return to the Division for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

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Name of Candidate Richard Henry Bjurberg
Report Requested of Rev. Dr. Samuel B. Hay
Auburn Presbyterian Church
Auburn, Alabama

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Committee on Fellowships

REPORT

I have known Mr. Bjurberg from the time that he was a senior in High School, throughout his College course, and ever since. He is a young man of striking personality, exemplary character and real ability. I believe that he is on the trail of some research that if followed would make a considerable contribution to the history and interpretation of life in the South.



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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate: Samuel Burney Hay
Report Requested of: Rev. Dr. Samuel B. Hay
Address: Auburn, Alabama

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Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Yes. He has no handicaps. To the contrary he is a person that will stand out in any group.

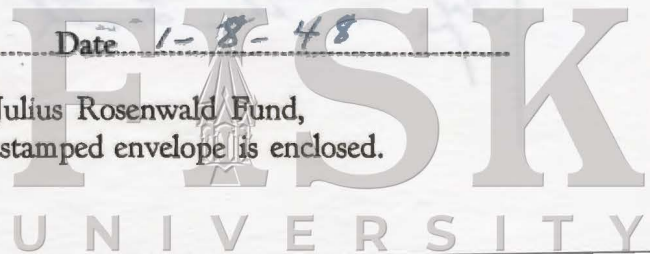
Signed: Samuel Burney Hay

Position or Title: Minister of First Presbyterian Church

Address: Box 669, Auburn, Ala

Date: 1-8-48

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Richard Henry Bjurberg

Report Requested of Dr. Frank L. Owsley
Professor of History
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

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We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Committee on Fellowships

REPORT

I am greatly interested in Mr. Bjurberg's project. It has been an obvious problem to be carefully studied since 1865. Mr. Bjurberg has begun in the proper way to find out the economic background of the political leaders; manuscripts census reports, tax lists, and County records. Having made use of this type of social and economic data for a long time, I am certain that it is

The necessary information from which a study such as Byrberg contemplates can be made.

I am personally acquainted with the applicant and I have found him to be an exceptionally intelligent and enthusiastic person. I must

^{he} add that he is likewise an excellent and stimulating teacher. I feel that he is a sound investment both as a research ^{man} and as a teacher.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

yes. He is a very attractive person - tall, good looking, good, pleasing personality

Signed

Francis F. Crowley

Position or Title

Professor of History

Address

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn

Date

Jan 9, 1948

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CHICAGO 15

Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Richard H. Bjurberg

Report Requested of Dr. A. W. Reynolds, Acting Head
History Department
Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

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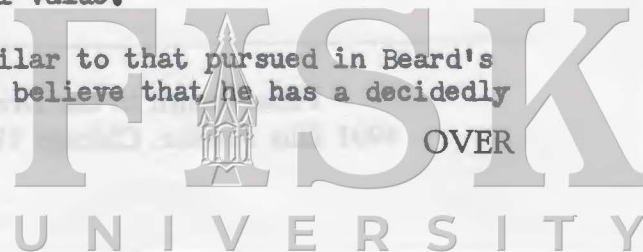
January 10, 1948

I have been closely associated with Mr. R. H. Bjurberg as his instructor in both undergraduate and graduate study and also as his colleague on our history staff - a period of about ten years.

Mr. Bjurberg is a diligent, keen, and enthusiastic student and teacher of history. He is widely-read and evinces an especial aptitude for historical research. His M.S. thesis here was a most creditable work, involving extensive investigation. He presents his class lectures in a clear and interesting manner, devoting much time to a proper consideration of source materials. Mr. Bjurberg is honest, healthy, courteous, and cooperative.

I consider the study which he proposes to make a well-chosen one, both from the standpoint of originality and permanent historical value.

I also consider his project to be somewhat similar to that pursued in Beard's Economic Interpretation of the Constitution and I believe that he has a decidedly



strong prospect of demonstrating that Alabama's political leaders (1831-61) were not primarily of the planter-aristocracy class. Regardless of the conclusion, however, the study should have a real historical value.

I unhesitatingly and enthusiastically indorse his application for a grant to further pursue his studies and feel that, in the end, he will have made a definite contribution to our history.

A. W. Reynolds, Acting Head
History Department
A.P.I.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities? Yes

Signed

A. W. Reynolds

Position or Title

Acting Head of History Department Alabama

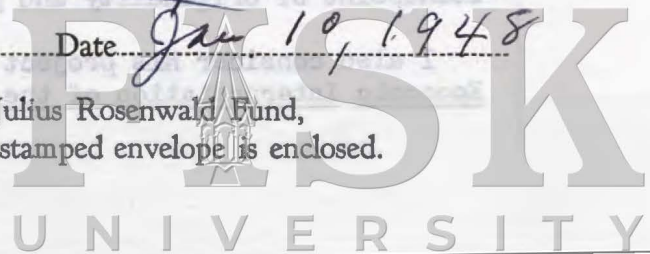
Address

Auburn, Alabama

Date

Jan 10, 1948

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate Richard H. Bjurberg

Report Requested of Dr. Weymouth T. Jordan
Research Professor of History
Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

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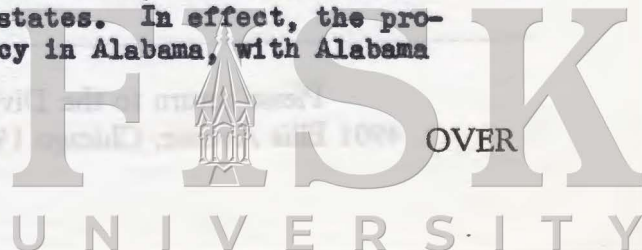
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Committee on Fellowships

REPORT

Mr. Bjurberg is a young man of exceptional ability. I have been closely associated with him both as a student and colleague at Alabama Polytechnic Institute since September, 1942, minus my time in the United States Navy and his time in a war plant. He has been an energetic, conscientious and thorough student and instructor of history. I believe that his training has been good and that he is prepared from a professional standpoint to begin his work toward the Ph. D. degree. His health is good and he is physically able to conduct his program of study.

The proposed study of Alabama's political leaders, 1831-1861, is a most worthy and absorbing project and one that definitely needs to be completed. I strongly suspect that Mr. Bjurberg's completed study will serve as a model for similar studies in other Southern states. In effect, the project is concerned with the growth of democracy in Alabama, with Alabama



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serving as a type study of politicians of the Lower South in the ante-bellum period. The study in its present stage has afforded only tentative conclusions, few of which can be fully accepted at this time. I sincerely hope that it will be completed by Mr. Bjurberg.

It is a pleasure to submit my unqualified recommendation in behalf of Mr. Bjurberg. I also look forward with pleasure to cooperating with him in any way possible as his work progresses.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Yes.

Signed

Weymouth T. Jordan

Position or Title. Research Professor of History, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Address. 451 Scott Street, Auburn, Alabama

Date January 8, 1948

Please return to the Division for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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Name Richard Henry Bjurberg

Field: History

Instructor of History, Alabama Polytechnic Institute
302½ East Magnolia, Auburn, Alabama

Plan of Work To expand a study on the politicians in the State of Alabama during the period 1831-1861. The plan is to study the relationships between these politicians' economic and social status and correlate such a study with their political views. A study will also have to be made concerning the people that supported these political office holders.

Requests grant for one year beginning September 1948. Wishes to work toward the Phd. degree in History at Duke University, Vanderbilt University or North Carolina University under the supervision of Dr. Frank Owsley of Vanderbilt or Dr. Fletcher Green of North Carolina University.

Personal Data Born Reading, Pennsylvania, November 1920
Married, three dependents

Age: 27
Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Alabama Polytechnic Institute, B.S., 1943

Graduate Work Alabama Polytechnic Institute, M.S., 1947

Experience Student assistant to pastor, Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn, Ala., 1940-41, \$300; history instructor, Ala. Polytechnic Institute, 1943-44, \$2160; assistant foreman, Crucible Steel Corp., Harrison, N. J., 1944-45, \$3300; history instructor, Ala. Polytechnic Institute, 1945-, \$2540.

Accomplishments

References

A. W. Reynolds, Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Weymouth T. Jordan, " " "
Roger Allen, " " "
Samuel B. Hay, Auburn Presbyterian Church, Alabama
Frank L. Owsley, Vanderbilt University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$3215
From Applicant	1015
From Fund	\$2200

AMOUNT GRANTED



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Many conflicting statements have been made concerning the economic and social make-up of the political class of the Old South. It has been believed by some that most Southern politicians were of the large planter aristocracy owning many slaves. The purpose of my study is to test such beliefs in relation to the state and national politicians of Alabama. For this study, I have selected the period from 1831 to 1861.

Since January, 1947, I have made a survey study of the lives, general political philosophies and economic possessions of Alabama's Governors and Congressmen during this period. Although this study has been a survey, indications are that only sixteen of the fifty men studied could be definitely classed as planter-politicians. They were William R. King, Benjamin Fitzpatrick, John A. Winston, Henry W. Collier, Francis S. Lyon, William J. Alston, Hugh McVay, Benjamin G. Shields, James A. Stallworth, James Abercrombie, James F. Dowdell, George S. Houston, Eli S. Shorter, James L. Pugh, James Dellet, and Dixon H. Lewis.

Besides the large planter-politicians of Alabama, there existed a group of politicians who moved to the State with very little economic substance. By the time of the Civil War, they had amassed personal property and real estate which placed them economically above the average person in the State. These new political aristocrats included John Murphy, William L. Yancey, Jeremiah Clemens, Clement Comer Clay, Clement Claiborne Clay, Andrew Barry Moore, David Hubbard, Alexander White, William Winter Payne, John Bragg, Reuben Chapman, Williamson R. W. Cobb, Henry W. Hilliard, Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry, and David Clopton.

The third group of politicians in the State were those who, for want of a better designation, have been described here as politicians of the people. They not only moved to the State with little substance, but also never acquired a great deal of personal property or real estate. These men were lawyers for the most part. They were not successful as business men and a few of them were indebted to the State Bank. In this group were Samuel W. Mardis, Joab Lawler, Gabriel Moore, George W. Crabb, Felix Grundy McConnell, James Lafayette Cottrell, John McKinley, Joshua Lanier Martin, Franklin W. Bowdon, Sampson W. Harris, Arthur Pendleton Bagby, John Gayle, James E. Belser, Sydenham Moore, Samuel W. Inge, Edmund Spann Dargan, Percy Walker, Philip Phillips, and William Russell Smith.

Materials used in this study consisted of unpublished Census Reports, manuscripts located in the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama and other primary materials were examined at the Office of Probate Judge in Montgomery County and the Office of Probate in Macon County. Other materials used in this study were those written at the University of Alabama and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Supplementary materials have also been obtained from standard secondary publications.

This study will take at least another three years to complete. It will be necessary to go into a detailed study of the lives of these fifty men which I have only touched in a survey manner. To continue the study to a successful conclusion, I must study the make-up of the State Legislatures during the period 1831-1861. To do this extensive piece of work, it will be necessary for me to go to the National Archives in Washington, D. C. to examine what materials are available on these Alabama politicians. I must plan to visit the library at Vanderbilt University and examine the micro-film which is available on some of the unpublished Census Reports which I have not used and also examine micro-filmed Alabama County Records. I must examine the Clay Manuscripts at

Duke University. In addition to this work, I will examine all the available newspapers of Alabama to study the various methods of political campaigning and visit the various Alabama Counties in which materials exist that will help me in my evaluation of the State politicians. While working in the State of Alabama, it will be necessary to examine all the available material in the libraries of the University of Alabama and at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

While making this study, I plan to receive all the available assistance possible from the authorities under which I do my graduate study. But in addition to this, I plan to use the able assistance of Dr. Frank L. Owsley of Vanderbilt University and Dr. Weymouth T. Jordan of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

When the study is completed, I hope to publish it so that it may be a definite contribution to the re-interpretation of Southern History. I plan to continue teaching History and devote my life to the advancement of the South.

BJURBERG, RICHARD HENRY

THE ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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Latin 1	Pl Geom 1	Biology 1
German 2	Sol Geom 1	Chemistry 1
History 1	Trig 1	Physics 1

DATE ADMITTED Sept 5, 1938
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 PARENT Paul Henry Bjurberg
 ADDRESS 704 E 9th St
 Anniston, Ala.
 DATE OF BIRTH
 Nov 28, 1920

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Ed 211	General Psychology	3	C 3	
Hy 305-6	Current Events	1	B 1	B 1
Hy 207-8	World History	3	A 3	A 3
Eh 205-6	Survey of English Lit	3	D 3	F 0
Sy 492	Mod Social Problems	3		A 3
Ed 212	Ed Psychology	3		B 3
Ec 258	Econ Hist of America	3		C 3
Ed 311	Applied Psychology	3		C 3



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DEPT & NO.	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF COURSE	HRS/WK REG LAB	SEM. I GRD. HR. CR.	SEM. II GRD. HR. CR.	DEGREE CONFERRED DATE May 23, 1943
	SS 1942		<u>QUARTER HRS.</u>		RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
Ec 442	Personnel Admin	5	A	5	Pres.
Me 406	Industrial Management	5	A	5	
Ec 301	World Geography	3	B	3	
Hy 627	Seminar	5	A	5	
XC 491	Ed. Tests & Pupil Eval		B	4½	
	Fall 1942-43				GRADING SYSTEM. PASSING
Hy 628	Seminar: Rec Am Hist	3	A	3	GRADE, 70. CONDITIONED
Hy 407	Political Science	5	A	5	GRADES, 60-69. GRADES
Ec 341	Business Law	5	B	5	BELOW 60 ARE FAILURES
Ec 441	Labor Problems	5	B	5	
	Winter 1942-43				SEMESTER AVERAGES
IE 303	Time Study	5	A	5	YR. I II
Hy 452	Latin American States	5	A	5	FIRST 79.16 86.34
Hy 628	Seminar Rec Amer Hy	3	A	3	SECOND 79.45 78.76
Ec 465	Financial Admin.	5	C	5	THIRD 2.78 2.67
	Spring Quarter 1943				FOURTH 3.83 3.44 3.44
Eh XC 206	Survey of Eng Lit (Corres)		88	5	Grad. 4.00 4.00 4.00 4.00 2.00 4.00
	Winter, 1943				
Hy 451	Far East	5	A	5	
	Winter, 1946				
Hy 421	Amer Foreign Pol.	5	A	5	
	Spring, 1946				
Hy 627	Seminar: Rec. Amer Hist	5	A	5	
	Summer, 1946				
Hy 629	Historical Methods	5	A	5	
Hy 481	History of Alabama	5	A	5	
	Fall, 1946				
Hy 628	Recent U.S. History	5	A	5	
	Winter, 1947				
Hy 630	Seminar the South		A	5	
	Spring, 1947				
Hy 699	Research & Thesis		A	5	
	Summer Quarter, 1947				
Hy 472	History of England		A	5	

Master of Science Degree conferred August 30, 1947.

Chas. W. Edwards
Registrar



CORRECTION:

Obviously the Graduate Average of 2.00 is incorrect. My graduate grade in every course was an A. This would give me a Graduate Average of 4.00 for each quarter.

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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Richard Henry Bjurberg

Dr. Roger Allen, Dean, School of Science and Literature, Alabama
Polytechnic Institute

Mr. Bjurberg is one of our most promising graduates. He is one of our most promising staff members, possessing all of the significant potentialities of a great teacher: industry, inquisitiveness, good balance, good mind, excellent character, keen humor, eagerness to serve, very cooperative, and pleasing personality.

His urge toward creativeness and his intense interest in the South has led us to urge him to continue one phase of this interest under the Rosenwald Fund, if possible. We believe he is an exceptionally able young man and will measure up to your expectations and demands in every way. His plan of work meets with our hearty approval.

Reverend Dr. Samuel Burney Hay, Minister of First Presbyterian Church,
Auburn, Alabama

I have known Mr. Bjurberg from the time that he was a senior in high school throughout his college course, and ever since. He is a young man of striking personality, exemplary character and real ability. I believe that he is on the trail of some research that if followed would make a considerable contribution to the history and interpretation of life in the South.

Dr. Frank L. Owsley, Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

I am greatly interested in Mr. Bjurberg's project. It has been an obvious problem to be carefully studied since 1865.



Mr. Bjurberg has begun in the proper way to find out the economic background of the political leaders, manuscript census reports, tax lists, and county records. Having made use of this type of social and economic data for a long time, I am certain that it contains the necessary information from which a study such as Bjurberg contemplates can be made.

I am personally acquainted with the applicant and I have found him to be an exceptionally intelligent and enthusiastic person. I must add that he is likewise an excellent and stimulating teacher. I feel that he is a sound investment both as a research man and as a teacher.

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Dr. A. W. Reynolds, Acting Head of the History Department, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

I have been closely associated with Mr. R. H. Bjurberg as his instructor in both undergraduate and graduate study and also as his colleague on our history staff - a period of about ten years.

Mr. Bjurberg is a diligent, keen, and enthusiastic student and teacher of history. He is widely-read and evinces an especial aptitude for historical research. His M.S. thesis here was a most creditable work, involving extensive investigation. He presents his class lectures in a clear and interesting manner, devoting much time to a proper consideration of source materials. Mr. Bjurberg is honest, healthy, courteous, and cooperative.

I consider the study which he proposes to make a well-chosen one, both from the standpoint of originality and permanent historical value.

I also consider his project to be somewhat similar to that pursued in Beard's Economic Interpretation of the Constitution,

and I believe that he has a decidedly strong prospect of demonstrating that Alabama's political leaders (1831-61) were not primarily of the planter-aristocracy class. Regardless of the conclusion, however, the study should have a real historical value.

I unhesitatingly and enthusiastically indorse his application for a grant to further pursue his studies and feel that, in the end, he will have made a definite contribution to our history.

Dr. Weymouth T. Jordan, Research Professor of History, Alabama
Polytechnic Institute

Mr. Bjurberg is a young man of exceptional ability. I have been closely associated with him both as a student and colleague at Alabama Polytechnic Institute since September, 1942, minus my time in the United States Navy and his time in a war plant. He has been an energetic, conscientious and thorough student and instructor of history. I believe that his training has been good and that he is prepared from a professional standpoint to begin his work toward the Ph.D. degree. His health is good and he is physically able to conduct his program of study.

The proposed study of Alabama's political leaders, 1831-1861, is a most worthy and absorbing project and one that definitely needs to be completed. I strongly suspect that Mr. Bjurberg's completed study will serve as a model for similar studies in other Southern states. In effect, the project is concerned with the growth of democracy in Alabama, with Alabama serving as a type study of politicians of the Lower South in the ante-bellum period. The study in its present stage has afforded only tentative conclusions, few of which can be fully accepted at this time. I sincerely hope that it will be completed by Mr. Bjurberg.

It is a pleasure to submit my unqualified recommendation in behalf of Mr. Bjurberg. I also look forward with pleasure to cooperating with him in any way possible as his work progresses.

FELLOWSHIPS

April 20, 1948

Dear Mr. Bjurberg: I have the honor to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of Twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200) for a twelve-month period beginning September 1, 1948 to enable you to expand a study on the politicians in the State of Alabama during the period 1831-1861, working toward the Ph.D. degree at Duke University, Vanderbilt University or North Carolina University.

Because of the closing of the Fund it is imperative that the grant be accepted only if you are prepared to begin your project on the date specified and carry through your work as outlined in your application. I want to point out to you that the funds included in this award are not subject to federal income tax.

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept the fellowship? An announcement of the Committee's selections will be made soon, and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Sincerely yours,

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For the Committee
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