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American mathematician who was one of the first African-American women to earn a mathematics doctorate. Granville graduated from Yale University, specializing in functional analysis. She taught at several universities and conducted mathematical assignments for various governmental agencies. By 1956 Granville began working for private companies, writing computer programs for aerospace applications such as the determination of spacecrafts' trajectories and orbits. She also lectured at California State University, Los Angeles, and developed curriculum guides for elementary school mathematics teachers.