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Granville worked for NASA, writing computer programs that tracked the paths of vehicles in space. As only the second African-American woman to receive an advanced degree in math from an American University (PhD from Yale in 1949), Granville started her career teaching at Fisk University (a college for Black students) because more prestigious positions were not available to Black women at the time. In reflecting on her childhood, Granville recounts, "we heard about and read about individuals whose achievements were contributing to the good of all people. These individuals, men and women, served as our role models; we looked up to them and we set out goals to be like them. We accepted education as the means to rise above the limitations that a prejudiced society endeavored to place upon us."

