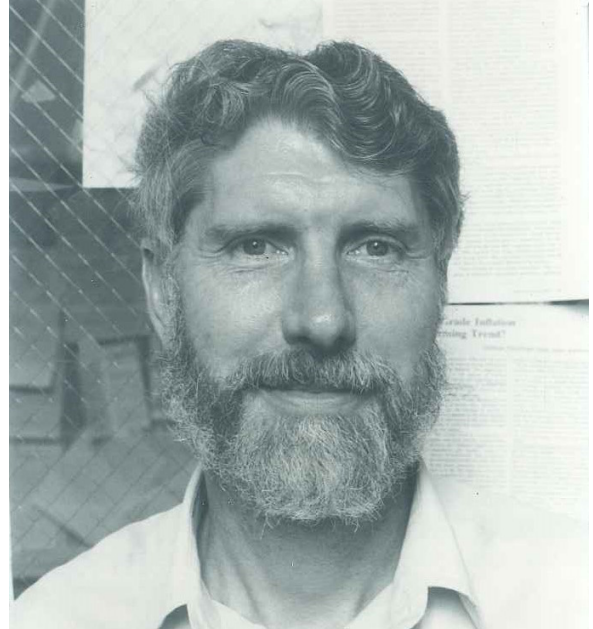


BILLY RHOADES

Born in Lima, Ohio, Billy Rhoades received his Master's degree at Rutgers in 1953 and then began teaching full time at Lafayette College while simultaneously working towards his PhD from Lehigh University. Billy received his doctoral degree in 1958 under the direction of A. Wilansky. He remained at Lafayette College as an Assistant Professor until 1965. During this period, Billy became increasingly involved in mathematics education, an interest he maintained throughout his career. From 1963 to 1965, he was granted a leave of absence from Lafayette College to serve as the Associate Director (and subsequently, as Director) of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (CUPM) in Berkley, CA, which was a powerful force in mathematics education reform for many years.

After a two-year assignment with CUPM, Billy accepted a teaching position with Indiana University – Bloomington. During his years at IU, Billy emerged as an expert in summability theory and fixed point theory. He published over 150 articles during his career.

In addition to his productive research career, Billy served both the Department and the greater mathematical community in numerous ways. He served as undergraduate director and for a time took on the role of liaison between the Math Department and the Education School at IU. At the same time, Billy remained active outside the university on committees and panels, speaking on



mathematics education to sectional meetings of the Mathematical Association of America and the National Council of Teachers. He was the Director of the Academic Year Institutes program sponsored by the National Science Foundation, and he served as Director of the Institutes for Negro College Teachers from 1969 to 1970. In recognition of his years of service, he received the Distinguished Services award from the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America in 1994 and the Certificate of Meritorious Service award from the Mathematical Association of America in 1999.

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