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Application and accompanying documents should be filed as early as possible for the convenience of the Committee on Fellowships, preferably during the early autumn. No application can be considered by the Committee unless the completely filled-out blank and all of the materials requested reach the Director for Fellowships by January 1, 1946.

Negro White Southerner Race Relations

Name in full..... *Emilio Aguinaldo Lanier*
Present address..... *Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee*
City State
Permanent address.....
City State
Present position (be specific)..... *Assistant Professor of English*
Institution or organization..... *Fisk University* Annual salary..... *\$ 2520*
Address..... *Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee*
City State

English language & literature

Specific Field..... *American Literary and Social History*
Concise statement of plan of work..... *Completion of a study, for which all the research materials have been assembled, on "The Idea of the Gentleman in American Fiction, 1774-1830: a study in the Origins of the National Ideal", a detailed plan of which is submitted herewith.*

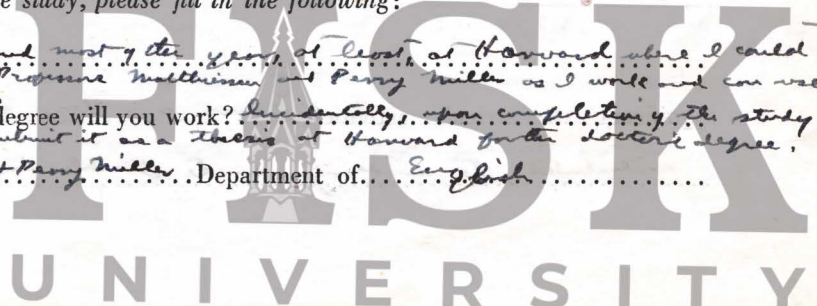
Dates of period for which grant is desired..... *July 1, 1946 to July 1, 1947*

What is your estimate of the total duration of the proposed project?..... *Can be completed within the year.*

Will you return to your present position?..... *Yes* If not, for what position do you seek further training?.....

If you contemplate graduate study, please fill in the following:

What institution do you wish to attend?..... *I would spend most of the year, at least, at Harvard where I could confer with Professor Matthews and Perry Miller as I work and can use the library.*
Have you been admitted?..... *For what degree will you work? Immediately upon completion of the study, would submit it as a thesis at Harvard for the doctor's degree.*
Under whose supervision?..... *Profs. F. O. Matthiessen + Perry Miller* Department of..... *English*



Personal History

Place of birth..... *Alcorn College, Mississippi* Date of birth..... *December 19, 1900*

Single, married, widowed, divorced..... *married*

Name and address of wife or husband..... *Mrs. Agatha E. Lane, 115 Haverhill Street, Roxbury, Mass.*

Occupation and salary of wife or husband..... *Substitute teacher in the Boston school system*

Number and ages of children..... *One daughter, fifteen years old*

Dependents..... *Two* To what extent?..... *Daughter wholly, mother almost wholly* Relationship..... *mother; daughter*

Have you any constitutional disorder or physical disability?..... *No*

(The Committee on Fellowships reserves the right to require a full physical examination.)

Draft status.....

Education

One official transcript of your college and university records together with five copies must be submitted with your application. (Copies may be typed by the applicant.)

	Name of Institution	Period of Study (Give dates)	Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (Give dates)
Undergraduate	<i>Tallahassee College, Tallahassee, Fla.</i>	<i>1919 - 1923</i>	<i>A. B., 1923</i>
	<i>Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.</i>	<i>1923 - 1924</i>	<i>A. B., 1924</i>
Graduate	<i>Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.</i>	<i>1924 - 1926</i>	<i>A. M., 1926</i>
	<i>Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.</i>	<i>1931 - 1933</i>	
Professional or technical	<i>Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.</i>	<i>1937 - 1939</i>	
Special study			

Significant extracurricular activities..... *I was a college debater at Tallahassee and I contributed to undergraduate publications at Tallahassee and Dartmouth.*



Experience

Give record chronologically.

Institution or Organization	Address	Position	Inclusive Dates	Annual Salary
Atlanta University	Atlanta, Georgia	(Head) Eng. Dept.	1926-1929	\$1800
G. and T. College	Greensboro, N. C.	(Head) Eng. Dept.	1929-1930	\$2000
Fisk University	Memphis, Tennessee	Asst. Prof. Eng.	1930 -	\$2520

Accomplishments

See plan B

1. Of what learned, scientific, or artistic societies are you a member? *Modern Language Association;*
College English Association; Modern Humanities Research Association;
L'Association Phonétique Internationale; Society for General Semantics.

2. What research or creative work have you done? (If in business or a profession, give evidence of standing and achievements.) *From 1933 to 1937, with a view toward writing a dissertation on "The Southern Gentleman in American Literature" patterned after F. P. Gaines' "Southern Plantation: A Study in the Development and the Accuracy of a Tradition" (1924), contrasting the reality with the tradition. I travelled widely in the South and locally in Tennessee gathering material through conversations and reading of local histories for the factual approach. Since the summer of 1933 I have been at work on my present altered research project, all the materials for which I have now gathered.*

3. Publications (Books and articles. Give title, date, and publisher.)

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4. List scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the place and period of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and the amount of the stipend.

I received fellowships from the General Education Board, 1931-1933, of \$1300 a year to complete my residence requirements for the doctor's degree of Harvard, which I did. In 1937-1938 I received a fellowship from the General Education Board of \$1800, and in 1938-1939 from the Rosenwald Fund of \$1500 to begin and continue my research on my present project (since January, 1933). (After both two-year periods, because of the inadequacy of the ~~yearly~~ stipends, I found myself with over \$1000 in debt, requiring years to pay.)



Budget Estimate

Room and board..... \$ 1700 +
 Clothing 3.75
 Insurance (+ first retirement annuity payments) 7.85
 Tuition (Univ. library) 25
 Transportation 3.00
 Miscellaneous (monthly mortgage payments, interest on summer home, etc., + typing) 5.75
 \$ 3760.

Total amount needed \$ 3760.
 Amount applicant can provide \$ 1260.
 Amount requested from Fund \$ 2500.

(My daughter would have to pay tuition in the Cambridge high school; if she completes her high school this summer, she will have to pay tuition in college.)

If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship for the same period (which is, of course, permissible), state the facts regarding such application. I may submit my plan, revised and expanded, to Houghton Mifflin and Dodd, Mead and Company, publishers, who offer fellowships for completing scholarly work.

References

List references from whom confidential information may be obtained concerning your professional qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed plan of work.

Name of Reference	Position	Address
✓ Dr. A. G. Taylor	Dean, First University	First University, Knoxville, Tenn.
✓ Dr. F. O. Matthiessen	Professor of English	Harvard Univ., Cambridge, 38, Mass.
✓ Dr. Perry Miller	Professor of English (in charge of book review, etc. work)	Harvard Univ., Cambridge, 38, Mass.
✓ Dr. A. F. Kohlman	Librarian	Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, Tenn.
✓ Dr. L. D. Turner	Head of English Dept.	First University, Knoxville, Tenn.

Statement of Plan of Work

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for your work during the tenure of your fellowship. This statement should include: (1) a full description of the project, including its character, scope, and significance; (2) the present state of the project (time of commencement, progress to date, etc.) and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed university, institution of similar grade, or other place where work would be carried on, and the authorities with whom it would be done; (4) your expectation as to publication or use of the results of your study; (5) subsequent plans for your career.

Your plan of work should be carefully prepared. Submit *eight copies* typed on 8½" x 11" paper. Your name should be on each sheet.

Please enclose with this application six passport-size photographs.

SIGNATURE

E. G. Lavin

