

HERMAN DREER

Assistant principal of Sumner High School
St. Louis, Missouri

Sociology

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worthiness

Name Herman Dreer

Field: Sociology

Assistant principal of Sumner High School, St. Louis, Missouri
4335 Cote Brilliante, St. Louis, Missouri

Plan of Work

To obtain the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Topic to be "A Study of Negro Leadership in the United States."

Requests grant for one year beginning June, 1945. Prefers not to return to present position. Will study under the supervision of Dr. Everett C. Hughes at the University of Chicago.

Personal Data Born Washington, D. C., September, 1889.
Married, two adult children.

Age: 56
Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Bowdoin College, A.B., 1910.
Virginia Theological Seminary, A.M., 1912, 1912-14.

Graduate Work University of Chicago, A.M., 1942.
University of Southern California, summer 1944.

Experience Professor of Latin and science, Virginia Theological Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1910-14, \$600; teacher of English and Latin, Sumner High School, St. Louis, 1914-22, \$980-\$3000; professor of English, Sumner and Stowe Teachers Colleges, St. Louis, 1922-31, \$3,200-\$4,200; assistant principal, Sumner High School, St. Louis, 1931- , \$4,200-\$5,000; president, Douglass University, St. Louis, 1934-41, expenses; editor, Omega Psi Phi, St. Louis, 1935-36, \$500.

Accomplishments Tuition scholarships at Bowdoin College.
Phi Beta Kappa.
Scribblers Club of St. Louis.

Publications: Author and producer of plays, Jacob and Esau, The Prodigal Son, Samuel, Rock of Ages, The Man of God, Sunrise, A Rainbow in the Sky, Called; survey of the West Jefferson District of Los Angeles, California, for a seminar in race relations at the University of Southern California; novel, The Immediate Jewel of His Soul, St. Louis Argus Publishing Company, 317 pp., 1919; articles in Journal of Negro History, etc.

References

Carter G. Woodson, Association for the Study of Negro Life and History
Emory S. Bogardus, University of Southern California
John T. Clark, St. Louis Urban League
Alrushus A. Taylor, Fisk University
Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, St. Louis
Sidney E. Sweet, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2,650
From Applicant	850
From Fund	\$1,800

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee



Name Herman Dreer Field: Sociology
 Professor of English and Negro History, Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, Mo.
 941 International House, Chicago 37, Illinois

Plan of Work To study Negro leadership in St. Louis, Mo., as it has affected and been affected by various social forces: Historically Treated; Emphasis upon Social Movements since 1910 affecting the status of the Negro; Ecological Approach; analysis of life histories of ten or fifteen leaders of today. Interviews with Negroes of various Socio-Economic and Educational Levels, as a check of the leadership of the individuals selected for study and analysis.

Requests grant for period from September 1947 to June 1948 or from January to September 1948. Will return to present position. Wishes to attend University of Chicago and study for Ph.D. degree under the supervision of Prof. E. C. Hughes, Prof. W. Lloyd Warner, and Prof. Allison Davis.

Applied 1945 and 1946.

Personal Data Born Washington, D. C., September, 1889 Age: 58
 Married, one dependent Draft Status: None

Undergraduate Work Bowdoin College, A.B., 1910

Graduate Work Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, Mo., 1918-28, In-Service;
 University of Illinois, summer 1917, Certificate; Virginia Theo.
 Sem. and College, 1910-14, A.M., 1912; Columbia University, summer 1919; University of Southern California, summer 1944, Certificate; University of Chicago, summers 1929-30-39-40-41-42-45-46-spring 1946- fall 1946, A.M., 1942.

Experience Teacher student, Virginia Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Va., 1910-14, \$600; teacher, Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo., 1914-22, maximum \$3000; professor, Stowe Teacher College, St. Louis, 1923-30, maximum \$4000; assistant principal, Sumner High School, St. Louis, 1930-44, maximum \$5000; professor, Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, 1945 - , \$5000.

Accomplishments The Barons Club; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Phi Beta Kappa Society; The Society for Social Research; Missouri State Teachers Association

Research: Survey of a census tract in Los Angeles (2 mi. sq.) in 1944; author and producer of many plays; study of operation of caste and class in the schools of St. Louis, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

Publications: The Immediate Jewel of His Soul, novel, St. Louis Argus Pub. Co., 1919; "The Education of the Negro with Respect to His Background", Journal of Negro History, 1934; "What the Innocent Teacher Imparts as History", Journal of Negro History, 1940; "The Negro in the High School Curriculum", Negro History Bulletin, April, 1944; History of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Published by the Fraternity in 1940

References: Scholarships: From Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C., to study at Bowdoin College: 1st yr., \$250; 2nd yr., \$300; 3rd yr., \$350.

References

Lorenzo J. Greene, Lincoln University
 W. Lloyd Warner, University of Chicago
 Alrushus A. Taylor, Fisk University
 Edward Ferguson, Jr., Tennessee A & I State College
 Everett C. Hughes, University of Chicago

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2118
From Applicant	618
From Fund	\$1500

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

