

Name McCray, George Francis (M) 1908 Negro  White Southerner

Position Assistant Superintendent, Labor Research Project, Ill. State Employment Service, & WPA Special Field Economics Group Labor Relations

College No regular attendance, but has studied labor problems in special schools and courses at Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin

University

Plan of Work:

Through field work to gather data on the handling of interracial conflicts in the labor movement in the Chicago industrial area, in the following industries: slaughtering and meat packing; steel and iron; laundry; cleaning and dyeing. Will be attached to University of Chicago, and will work under general supervision of Paul Douglas. Twelve months. No degree sought.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,500



Laborer, Pullman Company, 1929-31; teacher in adult education program, 1935-37; interviewer, W. P. A., 1937-38; research assistant, WPA, 1938-39.

Attended, on scholarships, the School for Workers, University of Wisconsin, 1935, summer session; Labor Problems Institute, University of Chicago, fall of 1935.

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McCRAY, GEORGE FRANCIS

CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

Mr. McCray is now employment interviewer, Illinois State Employment Service, and also works part time as labor editor for the Chicago Defender. He has served as arbitrator in the strike of Negro taxi drivers, and has also served as adviser on trade unions to the State Commission investigating cultural and economic conditions of the urban Negro population in Illinois. 9/24/40

Junior interviewer, U. S. Employment Service, Chicago. (10/1/42)

Job Analyst, War Manpower Commission, Chicago, 1943.

1944: Labor Editor, ANP, USES.



GEORGE F. MC CRAY

Application for reappointment to continue  
labor studies

There seems to be a good case  
made out for a renewal here

But I do not see any reason  
to give more than the original  
award, viz <sup>\$</sup>1,500. If one dares  
stretch out such a man will  
simply get on our pay roll

Yes maybe

GEORGE FRANCIS MC CRAY

Award  
\$1,500  
31 1939

Assistant superintendent, Labor research Project, WPA

Labor relations

First rate project

Best with the Lloyd Warner sur

vey team (both enthusiastic people)  
give him absolutely top recommendation

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Candidate **George Francis McCray**

Special Field **Labor Relations**

*Econ*

Assistant Superintendent, Labor Research Project,  
Illinois State Employment Service and WPA  
6342 Champlain Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

*Nov. 5491*

Plan of Work *6342*

Through field work to gather data on the handling of interracial conflicts in the labor movement in various sections of the U. S. by personal observation and interviews with union members, officials, and others associated with the problem.

*Change + limited*

Twelve months.

REVISED PLAN OF WORK: Through field work to gather data on the handling of interracial conflicts in the labor movement in the Chicago industrial area, in following industries: slaughtering and meat packing; steel and iron; laundry; cleaning and dying. Will be attached to University of Chicago, under supervision of Paul Douglas.  
Digest of Application 12 months. No degree sought

Born April, 1908, Biloxi, Mississippi. Married, two children.

Studied labor problems at Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.  
Private reading on Negro problems, financial and industrial developments, labor problems, etc.

Laborer, Pullman Company, Chicago, 1929-31, \$80; teacher, Adult Education program, Chicago, 1935-37, \$85; interviewer, WPA, Chicago, 1937-38, \$94; research assistant, WPA, Chicago, 1938-39, \$94.

Has had experience as labor organizer.

Article on "Occupational Future of Negroes, Crisis Magazine, 1933.

References

- Mr. Horace Cayton, Project Superintendent, Chicago
- Mr. Henry Johnson, C. I. O., 408 Bowen Avenue, Chicago
- Miss Annetta Dieckmann, Industrial Secretary, YWCA
- Prof. William Warner, University of Chicago
- Mr. St. Clair Drake, Professor, Dillard University

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$ 1835
From applicant	---
From Fund	\$ 1835

Committee Notes

Granted

*61500*

*Interview McCray for Econ + GMR.*

Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts

Digest

Sent to Committee

Documents returned

Plan of work



GEORGE F. McCRAY

Suggested that Mr. McCray attach himself to the University of Chicago and work under one of the staff. Will consult with Mr. Warner and work out a plan, but at Mr. Warner's suggestion, McCray will associate himself with others than Warner and Cayton, with whom he has already had sufficient contact. Paul Douglas has expressed, in conference with Mr. Reynolds, a willingness to advise McCray.

Will begin June 1.

5/4/39 Conference with Mr. Warner and Mr. Douglas. Will enroll in the University of Chicago, among other courses to take types of economic organization and economics of prices and wages with Douglas. Will spend good portion of study time under Douglas direction and that of people he recommends. Will begin work ~~immediately~~. *in June.*