

Name Davis, Alonzo Joseph (1909) Negro White Southerner

Position Head of Psychology Department and Secretary of Special Field Psychology Group
Labor, Tuskegee Institute, Instructor Psychology.

College Howard University, B. S., 1931;

University Howard University, M. S., 1932; University of Minnesota, 1933-34, inc. summer.

Plan of Work:

An experimental investigation of the factors which influence mechanical ability. The establishment of norms for mechanical ability among Negroes and a comparison of these norms with the norms already established for whites.

Working toward Ph. D. Yale University. One year.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,200.



Head of Department of Psychology and
Instructor in Psychology, Howard University, 1932-33; Instructor, Secretary of Labor,
and head of Department of Psychology, Tuskegee Institute, 1934-38.

Departmental scholarship in psychology, Howard University, 1929-31; fellowship in
psychology, Howard University, 1931-32; research fellowship in Child development,
University of Minnesota, spring of 1934.

Mr. Davis had nothing to report regarding progress of work toward his Ph. D. degree.
9/24/40



DAVIS, ALONZO J.

CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

Upon the completion of his study under his fellowship, Mr. Davis took a position as collaborator, Division on Child Development and Teacher Personnel, Commission on Teacher Education, American Council on Education, 5835 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Davis returned to Tuskegee Institute for the year 1941-42, where is he serving as an instructor in psychology and head of the Child Development Center. 8/10/41

1945 - Associate Professor of Psychology - Tuskegee

1947 Ph. D in Psychology at U. of Minnesota.

1948. Professor of Psychology & Acting Dean, Tuskegee Inst.

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UNIVERSITY

ALONZO JOSEPH DAVIS

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filed
1939

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Head of Psychology Department &
Secretary of Labor
Tuskegee Institute

Psychology

Tops

we would have given this man
a fellowship last year, but
we had questions on personality
grounds. These are now entirely
resolved so far as I am
concerned

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ALONZO JOSEPH DAVIS

Head of Psychology Department and
 Secretary of Labor
 Tuskegee Institute (Reappointment)

Psychology

Pretty hard to check off this
 candidate at this early stage
 of his work at Yale - To endorse
 however that he will get his
 doctorate in another year

Good letters from Yale - probably
 as good as we could expect
 after only half a year's work
 not actually fulsome

If we make another point, I
 think I should not be above the
 \$1,200 of last year

? leaning
 toward "yes"

Candidate Alonzo Joseph Davis

Special Field Psychology

Head of Psychology Department and Secretary of Labor
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Plan of Work

An experimental investigation of the factors which influence mechanical ability. The establishment of norms for mechanical ability among Negroes and a comparison of these norms with the norms already established for whites.

Wishes to work for Ph.D. at the University of ^{Yale} ~~Minnesota~~, beginning 1939, for the period of one year. Can return to present position.

CHANGED TO YALE UNIVERSITY

Digest of Application

Born July, 1909, Washington, D.C. Single.

S. B. (1931) and M. S. (1932) from Howard University. Attended University of Minnesota, 1933-34, and summer, 1934.

Instructor, Howard University, Washington, D. C., \$1500. Instructor, Secretary of Labor, and Head of Psychology Department, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, 1934- , \$1417-\$2100.

Publications: Factors Determining the Relative Efficacy of the Whole and Part Methods of Learning, J. Exper. Psychol., Vol. 15, No. 6, pp. 716-727, December, 1932. Personality, Parent Intelligence and "Scatter" on the Stanford-Binet, J. Juv. Research, Vol. 18, No. 3, pp. 175-178, July, 1934.

Departmental Scholarship in Psychology, Howard University, 1929-31 (Tuition plus \$90 year). Fellowship in Psychology, Howard University, 1931-32, \$150. Research Fellowship, Child Development, University of Minnesota, spring 1934, \$100.

References

- F. C. Sumner, Prof. Psychology, Howard University
- F. L. Goodenough, Prof. Psychology, University of Minnesota
- D. G. Paterson, Prof. Psychology, University of Minnesota

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$1587.50
From applicant	_____
From Fund	\$1587.50
Granted	\$1,200.

Committee Notes

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Probably excellent
507 - see main ref by Paterson

Documents submitted

- Photograph x
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts x
- Howard University
- University of Minnesota
- Plan of work x

Digest

Sent to Committee

Documents returned

