

Name William T. Fontaine

Field: Philosophy

Head of Department of Social Science  
Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana

**Plan of Work**

A post-doctoral, interdisciplinary program of study designed (1) to acquire and improve research techniques in historiography, philosophy of science, cultural anthropology and aesthetics, (2) to employ these techniques in the completion of a book on "Negro Thought from the World War to the Present".

Wishes to work for one year beginning in September, 1940, at the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. Edgar A. Singer. Will return to present position.

**Personal Data** Born in Pennsylvania, December, 1909. Married. **Age:** 30

**Undergraduate Work** Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, A. B. 1930.

**Graduate Work** University of Pennsylvania, M. A. 1932, Ph. D. 1936.  
Harvard University, summer 1933.

**Experience** Has taught at Southern University since 1936, average salary \$2100.  
Taught at Atlanta University, summer 1937, \$200.

**Accomplishments**

Doctor's dissertation: "Fortune, Matter and Providence: A Study of Ancius Severinus Boethius and Giordano Bruno"

**Publications:** "Philosophical Implications of the Biology of Dr. Ernest Just" Journal of Negro History, July 1939.  
"An Interpretation of Contemporary Thought from the Standpoint of the Sociology of Knowledge" Journal of Negro History, January 1940.

**References**

Teaching fellow, Lincoln University, 1930-36, while attending Univ. of Pa.  
*Has applied to Social Science Research Council.*

Dr. Edgar A. Singer, University of Pennsylvania  
Dr. George Johnson, Lincoln University  
Dr. W. E. Lingelbach, University of Pennsylvania  
Dr. Laurance Foster, Lincoln University  
Mr. Orville Moseley, Southern University  
Dr. Horace Mann Bond, Fort Valley State College

**Budget Summary**

Total Amount Needed	\$2552
From Applicant	372
From Fund	\$2180

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Transcripts      Exhibit Material  
University of Pennsylvania

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