

1939
1940

Name Smith, Lillian Eugenia (1897)

Negro
White Southerner

Creative Writing

Position Editor, North Georgia Review, Clayton

Special Field Southern
Group Literature

College Has studied at Piedmont College, Teachers College, Peabody
Conservatory, but has no degree.

University

Plan of Work:

U of NC

1939 Intensive study of field of southern literature, ethnology, and southern history. Extensive reading in various fields which afford bases of comparison and increased orientation for understanding of Southern problems, for preparation for better editorship of magazine which seeks to appraise southern literature and trends in southern culture. Six months. Part of time to be spent at the University of North Carolina.

1940 Reappointed jointly with Paula Snelling for additional six months of travel and study in preparation for book on the South and southern literature.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

1939 Granted \$1,000.

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Head of music department at Huchow China, school (Virginia School); director of Laurel Falls Camp, and editor of North Georgia Review since 1936.

1944: Co-editor of SOUTH TODAY

Clayton, Georgia

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SMITH, LILLIAN

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

Jordan is so Chilly, a novel, now completed save for parts of 5 chapters. Simon and Schuster still interested in it.

Drums, a play. Rhythm-montage in song, speech and dance, showing the Negro's 300 years in America. Being rehearsed for presentation by the Drama Department of Atlanta University (January, 1940).

Author of various writings, among them Strange Fruit (novel), Strange Fruit (play). Articles in NEW REPUBLIC, PM, COMMON GROUND, COMMON SENSE, etc. Many speeches. 1944.



Yes
\$1,000
(Lillian with
Sally)

LILLIAN E. SMITH

Editor, North Georgia Review (Reappointment)

Creative writing

(Jointly with Miss Paula Stelling)

Yes



Candidate **Lillian Eugenia Smith**
Editor, North Georgia Review
Clayton, Georgia

Special Field
Research in Southern Literature

Plan of Work

Same as that of Paula Snelling. Joint application.

To be in residence at U of N.C. by contract.

Digest of Application

Born December, 1897, Jasper, Florida.

Piedmont College, 1915-16. Columbia University, 1927-28. Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland, 1917-18, 1919-20, 1920-21. Each winter I make an intensive study of some subject such as psychiatry, psychology, Negro literature, history, spending an average of four or five hours a day in planned reading.

Head of music department, Virginia School, Huchow Chekiang, China, 1922-25, \$1500 plus traveling expenses to and from China; secretary to City Manager, Fort Pierce, Florida, 1925-27, \$140 per month; director, Laurel Falls Camp, 1927-38, variable income; editor, North Georgia Review, 1936 - .

Has written a novel on China which received "editorial praise but was considered of doubtful market value." Is now writing novel on South which Simon & Schuster have seen and are interested in. Also stories, articles, editorials in North Georgia Review.

References

- Mr. Walter White, Secretary, N.A.A.C.P. New York City
- Mr. Devereaux McClatchey, Lawyer, Atlanta
- Mr. Eugene E. Barnett, International Committee YMCA
- Mr. R. A. Schermerhorn, Gammon Seminary, Atlanta
- Mr. Glenn Rainey, Georgia School of Technology
- Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Atlanta University

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$ 1012
From applicant	<u>262</u>
From Fund	\$ 1500
Granted	(jointly with Miss Snelling) <i>\$1000 each</i>

Committee Notes

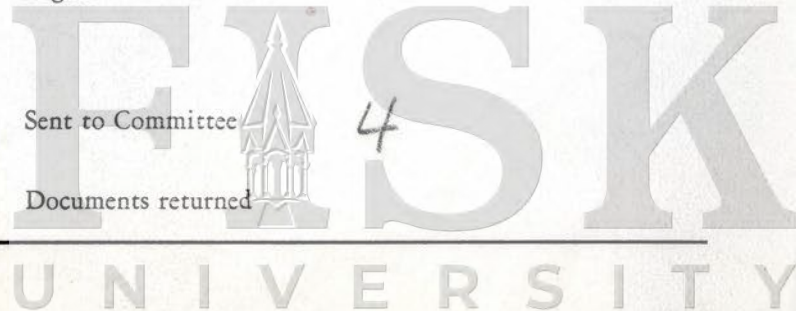
Documents submitted
Photograph
Exhibit material
Transcripts

Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee *4*

Documents returned



LILLIAN SMITH

11/24/39 Miss Smith and Miss Snelling leave for the Delta region about December 10 or 12. Memphis, Little Rock, Hendrix College, the Delta Cooperative, to Greenwood. Will visit some mental sanitariums and prisons, some juvenile judges and some children.

Have visited at the TVA, and on way back visited number of craft schools, folk schools, etc. in Tennessee and North Carolina.