

Name Fontaine, William Thomas (1909)

Negro
White Southerner

Position Head of Department of Social Science,
Southern University, Louisiana
College Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, A. B., 1930

Special Field Philosophy
Group

University University of Pennsylvania, M. A., 1932; Ph. D., 1936.

Plan of Work:

To study the mind and thought of the Negro as revealed in imaginative literature from 1870 to date, at the University of Pennsylvania and Fisk University.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,800



Teaching Fellow, Lincoln University, Pa., 1930-36; instructor, Atlanta University, summer of 1937; Head of the Department of Social Science, Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana, 1936-42.

1945- U.S. Army - instructor for men falling below min. sl. standards

*Department of Social Science
Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana*

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WILLIAM THOMAS FONTAINE

(32)

Head of Department of Social Science
Southern University, Scotlandville

Philosophy

This fellow has been climbing
on my lists. He is now well
toward top. CSJ will probably
know him + his record & prospect

WILLIAM T. FONTAINE

Head, Department of Social Science
Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana

Philosophy

Excellent scholarly record
and good letters, esp from
Horace Bond and Swiger (with
whom he proposes to work).

His project is grandiose,
his paper strewn with long
words and not very good
sentences - his oratory gets
away from his composition - or
even grammar -

He asks for a presumptuous amount -
more than his regular salary as head
of dept at Southern - altogether too bombastic

B+

Name William Thomas Fontaine Field: Philosophy

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

Plan of Work The mind and thought of the Negro as revealed in imaginative literature
1876-1940.

Wishes to work at University of Pennsylvania and Fisk University under
Doctors Singer, Park, and Johnson. Probable duration of work, one year, beginning
September 1942. Will return to present position.

Applied 1940, 1941.

including civilian morale

9 months

Personal Data Born Chester, Pennsylvania, 1909. Age: 32
Married. Four dependents.

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

Graduate Work University of Pennsylvania, M. A. 1932, Ph. D. 1936.

Harvard University, summer 1933.
University of Chicago, summer 1940.

Experience Teaching fellow, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, 1930-36,
average salary \$800; instructor, Atlanta University, summer 1937;
head of Department of Social Science, Southern University, 1936- , \$2150.

Accomplishments Doctoral Dissertation: "Fortune, Providence, and Matter: A Study of
Severinus Boethius and Giordano Bruno"

Publications: Articles in Journal of Negro History, "Philosophical
Implications of the Biology of Ernest Just" (July, 1939); "Negro Thought and the
Sociology of Knowledge" (January, 1940).

References

Dr. George Johnson, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania
Dr. Edgar A. Singer, University of Pennsylvania
Dean J. B. Cade, Southern University
Dr. Felton G. Clark, Southern University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,813
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$1,813

AMOUNT GRANTED \$1,800

Sent to Committee

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Name William Thomas Fontaine REAPPOINTMENT Field: Philosophy
Student, University of Pennsylvania
On leave, Head of Department of Social Science
Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana

Plan of Work

Analysis of imaginative literature produced by Negroes in the United States - parallels in scholarly literature - parallels in literature produced by Negroes of Latin America.

Wishes to continue at the University of Pennsylvania. During second semester will also be in consultation with people at Yale University, Fisk University and the Schomburg Collection, New York City. Will work under the supervision of Dr. Edgar A. Singer, Dr. Robert Park and Dr. Charles Johnson.

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Publications: articles in Journal of Negro History.

Julius Rosenwald Fund fellowship, 1942-43, University of Pennsylvania, \$1800.

Is applying to the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies for a fellowship.

References

Dr. Edgar A. Singer, University of Pennsylvania
Mr. Edwin B. Williams, University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Francis Clark, University of Pennsylvania

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2450
From Applicant	120
From Fund	<u>\$2330</u>

Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED

