

1940

Name Watkins, Mark Hanna

(1903)

Negro

White Southerner

Position Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Fisk University

Special Field Anthropology  
Group ~~Linguistics~~

College Prairie View State College, B. S., 1926

University University of Chicago, A. M., 1930, Ph. D., 1933

Plan of Work:

Study in Liberia, West Africa, for the purpose of making an extensive study of the Vai language by use of materials collected from native informants.  
1 year.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,600



Prairie View College, 1927-29; Louisville Municipal College, Assistant Professor of Sociology, 1933-34; Fisk University, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, 1934-

Sigma Xi.

A Grammar of Chichewa, published by Linguistic Society of America, 1937.

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~~Nashville 2, Tennessee~~

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MARK HANNA WATKINS

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology  
Fisk University

Linguistics

A remarkable record  
Redfield's letter is for him a poem  
of praise.

I'm not too keen about the value of the  
Vai language study including the trip  
to Liberia and West Africa. But  
this is so mature & calls a man  
that he should know what he is  
about

Chiefly because of my doubt as to the  
proprietor and my distress at the amount of  
money it would require (\$2,600) I rate him

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Name Mark Hanna Watkins

Field: LinguisticsAssistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology  
Fisk University, Nashville.

## Plan of Work

A trip to Liberia, West Africa, for the purpose of making an extensive study of the Vai language by use of materials collected from native informants.

Duration of study one year, to begin autumn, 1940.

Will return to present position.

## Personal Data

Born Huntsville, Texas, November, 1903. Married

Age: 36

Undergraduate Work Prairie View State College, B.S., 1926.

## Graduate Work

University of Chicago, A.M., 1930, Ph.D., 1933.

## Experience

Instructor, Prairie View State College, 1927 (January - August), \$1,000; assistant registrar, Prairie View College, 1927-29, \$1,260; assistant professor of sociology, Louisville Municipal College, 1933-34, \$1,700; assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, Fisk University, 1934 - , \$2,500 - \$2,900.

## Accomplishments

Publications: A grammar of Chichewa, a Bantu language of British Central Africa, published by the Linguistic Society of America, 1937; "A Place for Anthropology in the Negro College," Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes, April, 1937.

GEB Fellow, University of Chicago, 1930-31, \$950, 1931-32, \$1000.

## References

Robert E. Park, Fisk University.

Fay-Cooper Cole, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago.

Manuel J. Andrade, Associate professor of anthropology, Chicago. Budget Summary

Leslie Spier, professor of anthropology, Yale University.

Robert Redfield, University of Chicago.

Total Amount Needed	\$3,128.64
From Applicant	528.64
From Fund	\$2,600.00

AMOUNT GRANTED \$2600

Plan of Work x  
TranscriptsPhotograph x  
Exhibit Material

Sent to Committee

Prairie View State College  
University of Chicago

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