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Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

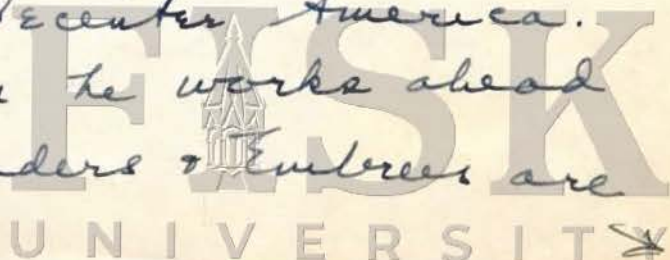
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FELLOWSHIPS Adams, Paul &

Dear Embree: I'm working here alone Sat. aft'n on Duff's Fellow's app's. Have just run across a boy you may know, but if not should watch.

Paul L. Adams, 447 S. 3rd St, Danville, Ky grad'd from Center Coll. with honors in '43 & spent fall semester '43 Fisk Univ, then as ~~civilian~~ C.O., did Civil in Pub. Service until discharged Nov. '44. His photograph reveals a lovely, sturdy, thoughtful human being & all his letters are tops. He's applying to us for a Res'd'ce Fell'p for the coming year — & I think he'll get it. He writes a stat' of aims that goes to my heart. He wants to return to South to teach in a Negro college.

Keep your eye on him. This is the sort of man who will put his back under the job of bldg. a decent America. He'll need help as he works ahead & the Will Alexanders & Embrees are



the kinds of men who can mean a
lot to him by a word of encourage't
now & then. I'm writing him telling
him what it means to me as an
older man to see his sort coming
along.

Dont bother to answer this - but
do keep this boy in mind

Cordially,

Bob (Lynd)

March 12, 1945

Dear Bob: Your letter of March 10 is too good to let pass, even though you said not to trouble to answer it. We know a little of Paul Adams, as he studied at Fisk a couple of years ago. We shall certainly keep our eyes open to him. He sounds like just the kind of person who may help in some of the tough problems that continue to face the South.

By the way, I had a most delightful visit with Mrs. Lynd the other day in connection with our common interest in Sarah Lawrence College. What good judgment you show in your choice of people!

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Dr. Robert Lynd
Department of Sociology
Columbia University
New York City, New York

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree
 The Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Sir: *Adams, Paul*

At the risk of appearing cocky, and in the hope of making an honest abstract, I will say now that this letter is a request for some money which I will need desperately if I am to continue my study of social science.

I have already studied at Parksville High School, at Centre College of Kentucky (1939-1945), at Fisk University (one semester, 1943-1944), and am now working toward my MA (June, 1946) in sociology at Columbia University. I do not want to stop my academic preparation now: I believe there is a need for writing a sociology on the Southern sociologists. I want to study and interview Howard Odum, Charles S. Johnson, T. Lynn Smith, Ira de A. Reid, et al., and relate their class position and their sociopsychological values to the kind of sociology they write. I believe Southern intellectuals (especially the social scientists), coming out of the structural background of the South, should be studied from the point of how they came to interest themselves in particular problems and why they phrased their sociological problems as they did, and what they do that is nonconformist, what new values they have formulated. I am greatly interested in seeing with what value systems they "settle" such issues as racial segregation, the distribution of farmlands, the industrialization of the South and its related unionization of workers. My guess is that the sociologists' social positions, their derived values, and the kind of sociology they put into their books, are understandable (sometimes praiseworthy, sometimes odious) in terms of some of their very own discoveries as sociologists. I want to carry on an intensive investigation of this matter during the coming summer and the following two years while I am enrolled (in the winter terms) at Columbia University as a candidate for the PhD degree. To do this, sir, I need financial assistance which I hope you will please help me to obtain.

Perhaps you will send me application forms of some kind which I will file later, but nevertheless I will tell you now something of my background and my hopes: I was born in January of 1924, so I am now almost 22 years old (not 24! but I should like to counterbalance this shortcoming in my eligibility if I could, withal, prove my worthiness). My only living parent is my mother, since I was three months old, and with my mother and my two older sisters I lived out my formative years close to the earth (particularly the eight acres we farmed): under the shadow of the gentleness and the meanness which encrust poverty. In 1939 I started hitch-hiking to Centre College which I was able to attend with the help of scholarships and the N.Y.A. I went the rounds of student discussion groups and clubs and classes and regional conferences, studying and growing up, all under the tightness of ~~war~~ which was approaching to displace some of the restraint of poverty and depression. Eventually I became affiliated with such groups as the NAACP, the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, and the Young Peoples Socialist League. I came more and more to question the South and the things that hold it together while it rots; Fascism I saw as a much more ruthlessly imposed and efficiently executed state of mind, dangerous to a greater degree, than the exploitation which I saw at home in racial segregation and an economic class structure. It was obvious that my own hatred and unimaginativeness were, like that of my neighbors in Birmingham and Berchtesgaden, the real enemies of all the warm outgoing feelings we had experienced; then Fascism and war itself were the actual enemies. When I registered my convictions with the State I was classified a conscientious objector. More or less to spend my numbered days in an

interesting way but also to learn sociology firsthand, I attended Fisk University as a graduate student in sociology. Fisk for me was stopped early in January of 1944; I remained in Civilian Public Service Camp 108 until Thanksgiving of 1944. In April of 1945, while working in Danville, Kentucky, I received a grant and a scholarship from Columbia University at the same time that I was planning with some of my friends an organized program of Satyagraha in regard to jim crow in Kentucky. (You have seen elsewhere, I believe, reports on our achievements and disappointments in attempting such a program in Kentucky.) Then, in September, I came to the North for the first time, and have been studying sociology here since that time.

In the future, I must become a harder fighter against hatred and greed and authoritarianism. I must also become a better sociologist, able to understand why people behave as they do: as Southern Whites, as Southern Negroes; as workers or bosses; as pacifists or militarists; as conservatives and "liberals" or as revolutionaries; as bureaucrats or as free-lance artists. I like Columbia; I am convinced that I can learn much from men like Lynd, Merton, MacIver, Gardner Murphy, Linton, and Goodrich, if I am able to continue working here. It will be in the South that I will work, ^{afterwards} whether in workers' education or in college teaching I am not definite at the present. But to the South I am attracted by the job to be done in giving meaning to life. I cannot sanction jim crow, so whatever I do there will be Negroes and Whites alongside; I am convinced there are many things to do together which will give hope and love instead of despair. I trust human warmth even below The Line.

Is this an application for a Rosenwald Fellowship? If it is not, I hope you will please send me the proper application materials before the deadline. I would like very much to see you if you come to New York some time during this school year. May I do that?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Lieber Adams

930 Fernald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York
9 December, 1945



FELLOWSHIPS

December 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Adams: Mr. Embree has given me your interesting letter for reply.

I am enclosing a set of our formal application blanks for graduate study. As you will note, they are due in our office on January 1. If it is impossible for you to get the transcripts in by that time, you may send them later.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
930 Farnald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

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Name Paul Lieber Adams **Field:** Sociology

Graduate resident student, 930 Furnald Hall
Columbia University, New York

Plan of Work To write a sociological study of six Southern sociologists (Harry Best, Ira Reid, Howard Odum, Charles S. Johnson, Hornell Hart, and Lynn Smith); to analyze their published sociology and relate this to their biographies.

Wishes to study under Dr. Robert S. Lynd to work toward Ph.D. at Columbia University. Requests grant for one year beginning June, 1946.

Personal Data Born Broken Bow, Oklahoma, January 1924
Single, one partial dependent

Age: 22
Draft Status: IV-E

Undergraduate Work Centre College of Kentucky, A.B., 1943

Graduate Work Fisk University, 1943-44
Columbia University, M.A., in June 1946

Experience Physics laboratory assistant, Centre College, 1939-40, \$250;
librarian's assistant, Centre College, 1940-42, \$250; cook's assistant
Darnall General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky, 1942-43, \$1,200; boy's club worker,
Bethlehem Center, 1943-44, Nashville, Tennessee, room and board.

Accomplishments Centre College's equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa: The Rounde Table

Research: Research in connection with academic studies at Fisk and Columbia;
work in progress reflecting experiences as a conscripted conscientious objector; two-
month program of Satyagraha against jim-crow in Kentucky.

Scholarships: Trustees scholarship, Centre College, 1939-40, liberal arts, \$200;
Frank W. Sneed Honor Scholarship, Centre College, 1941-42, sociology, \$150; Isabella C.
Argo Honor Scholarship, Centre College, 1942-43, \$250; University Scholarship, 1943,
Fisk University, sociology, \$500; Graduate residence scholarship, Columbia, 1945-46, \$650.

References

Jameson M. Jones, Centre College
Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University
Robert K. Merton, " "
Elizabeth P. Lam, Western Reserve University
Jitsuichi Masuoka, Fisk University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,900
From Applicant	300
From Fund	\$1,600

AMOUNT GRANTED

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PLEASE RETURN

TO

A SOCIOLOGY OF SIX SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGISTS:

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND T. Lynn Smith, Howark W. Odum, Charles S. Johnson,
Harry Best, Ira de A. Reid, and Hornell Hart

My plan is to make a sociological study of these six Southern sociologists.

Sociologists have conceived an ideal type of sociological approach which is objective, detached from the social milieu of the sociologists themselves, and amoral: making no value judgements. Yet, again and again, sociology has been defined as "what the sociologists are doing" -- a definition of a science (of human behavior) as a human product.

My plan of work is to be viewed in the framework of this latter definition: sociology as experience, cumulative, growing, changing at the hands of the sociologists. I intend to investigate whether this definition is accurate when I study the six Southern sociologists. It will be necessary, then, to investigate not only (1) "What the sociologists do" for sociology, the problems upon which they concentrate and how they phrase those problems, but also (2) what role they play as persons in the society in which they reside and upon which, as scientists and intellectuals, they reflect and comment. For (1) it is necessary to make content-analyses of all the published sociologists. Interviews must be taken with the sociologists themselves as well as the people with whom they are associated in order to construct the biographies.

It is conceivable that the former, (1) above, constitutes the more academic and easier part of the task; and I would hope to finish this research while studying at Columbia University of New York under Professor Robert S. Lynd, during the year 1946-47. But in order to study the men themselves, (2) above, I could not stay in New York City, but would go to the South for first hand observation in order to ascertain how the sociologists proceed with their daily living in relation to such cultural phenomena as jimcrow laws and customs, unionization of workers, industrialization of the South, the distribution of farmlands; in relation to their salaries, their economic class position, the financial controllers of their teaching and research; in relation to the religious, political, professional organizations to which they belong. In short, I plan to study six Southern intellectuals, men who have self-consciously turned their attention to the region which is the South, men who live by values. I want to record what those values are, wherein they are nonconformist and to what extent the South's folkways have influenced the values of the men who best understand those folkways. What kind of students of society has Southern society nurtured? That is the ultimate question to which I seek an answer. (As are other PhD dissertations at Columbia, this would be published.) I believe the significance of such a study lies in the light it could shed on the sometimes-professed purity and objectivity of sociology, beginning as it does with the hypothesis that there is a correlation between the science and the scientist. This study is an attempt to formulate a sociology of sociologists, looking upon them as persons, members of groups, just as they have described all other southerners except themselves. I ask: how different are the sociologists?

I plan, when I have got the Ph.D. degree, to teach in a Southern college which admits Negroes, or to write, and work in the field of workers' education.

UNIVERSITY OF COLUMBIA
Paul Lieber Adams

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Paul Lieber Adams

Dr. Robert S. Lynd, Chairman, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

I am deeply interested in Paul Adams. He is a man who has come up the hard way--youngest of three children (two sisters older) of a widowed mother on (I gather) a poverty-stricken Kentucky farm. He is a man of stubborn conscience who plans to give his life to the South and the race problem there. His integrity is great. My effort this year has been to encourage him to come out from the deep inner reserve which life has forced on him. He is a man of forty in his early twenties. The other day he said to me (quietly and with no sense of self-pity) "Life can't ever do to me anything harder than I've already taken".

Adams needs two things: (1) I'd like to see him stay away from the South for one more year, to get the stimulation and loosening up that contact with many new kinds of people can give him. (2) He needs contact with big, hopeful personalities who work for the South but are not grim about it. The study he proposes should do precisely this last, i.e. give him a positive, creative rationale for returning to work in the South.

Adams is not, I believe, intellectually what Fred Keppel used to call "a veritable eagle". (I have not yet seen his term paper for me.) He is capable, hard-working, over-modest. He makes friendships, but tends to be reserved. As to character he is no gamble. Intellectually, he is somewhat of a gamble. He will do good work wherever he is; but how good depends somewhat on whether he can come out of his reserved mood and throw himself less grimly into life.



He is so honest that he may have difficulty in making necessary concessions to situations. I like this kind of person-- there are so few of them. He is no fool and I think he is learning to handle himself effectively.

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Dr. Robert K. Merton, Acting Chairman, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

During the past semester Mr. Adams has been a graduate student at Columbia University. He has been enrolled in one of my courses, and it is in that connection that I have come to know something of him. I strongly recommend that he be awarded the fellowship for the project he has in mind. Mr. Adams is an "original", as his proposed study may suggest. He is primarily interested in what he can learn of human relations at first hand, and not in what the conventional, and often conventionalized, authorities have to say. He is perceptive, enthusiastic and hard working. He writes amazingly well. Just recently, he submitted to me a course paper on "Participation in Non-Conformist Behavior as a Vantage Point for the Southern Sociologist." This 15,000 word document is based upon extensive field experience in Kentucky where he tested out the vulnerable spots in local race discrimination by systematically flouting the taboos. He sat in the Jim Crow sections of theatres; he brought a Negro guest to a white restaurant, etc. This "experimental" approach to race discrimination testifies to Mr. Adams' integrity of purpose and ingenuity of method. Nor should this be taken as a foolhardy excursion into the danger zone of local mores. Mr. Adams proved entirely equal to the demands of a series of delicate situations. In short, I enthusiastically support his application.

He has something more to learn about the formal techniques of investigation, and I assume that he will have much of this training during the next semester. His proposed study promises to be as valuable as it is intrinsically interesting. I trust that you will give him the opportunity to carry it through to a conclusion.

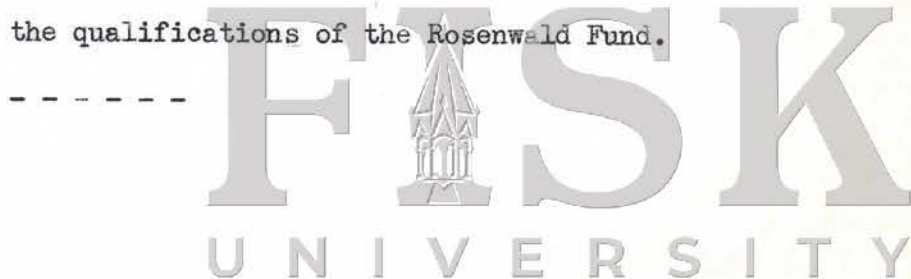
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Dr. Elizabeth P. Lam, Professor of Biblical Literature, Western Reserve University

I knew Paul Adams quite well when he was an undergraduate at Centre College and have kept in touch with him ever since. As an undergraduate, he showed maturity of insight and understanding far beyond his years. He was introduced in his sophomore year to the human problems of the South. He bit into them with insatiable interest and intellectual curiosity.

I have watched his intellectual and social interests grow and deepen. He has the courage of his convictions and the willingness to experiment. A year as a student at Fisk University gave him a new perspective on the problem of race relations, and a summer exploring the attitudes of southern whites to Jim Crow laws also added to his experience and understanding.

Paul Adams is the kind of able, fearless, sensitive young person who can help to build a new south. He has exceptional intellectual ability and the kind of integrity and outgoing social sensitivity which give promise of worthwhile public service. His particular research project seems to me to have merit and originality. I heartily recommend him for a fellowship because I think he meets the qualifications of the Rosenwald Fund.



Dr. Jitsuichi Masuoka, Assistant professor of Sociology, Fisk University

My acquaintance with Mr. Paul L. Adams has been very brief, but in this brief contact with him, he impressed me as a competent student, possessing keen interest in sociology and having very good understanding of the subject matter.

In my opinion, Mr. Adams has not successfully stated his research project. His thesis is not too clear and his methods of attack are not adequately presented to pass on an adequate judgment. In my opinion what he proposes to do does not answer the question he raises in his project.

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Dr. Jameson M. Jones, Associate Professor, Religion and Philosophy,
Centre College, Danville, Kentucky

My report on Mr. Adams will be favorable. My knowledge of him and his abilities and aims makes me consider obligatory the doing of whatever I can to increase his opportunities. As I read his statement I was reminded of many conversations with him and re-impressed by his single-mindedness and clearsightedness. It seems to me that all his activities (including his proposed dissertation), to an unusual degree, fit into a single plan. He is determined to unite knowledge and value into some organic whole. He will make a contribution directly to the culture of the South in helping to improve relations between persons and also to sociology by refusing to allow it to become distorted and dessicated in "impersonal detachment".

His abilities as a student have always been high. He has superior powers of comprehension, but the ability which marks most his mind is, of course, a talent for getting inside an author's (or persons)

mind and dealing directly with his motives and assumptions. His prospectus gives evidence, I believe, of his power for original and creative thinking; that is, it is not only his critical faculties which are sharp. He is not just out to "debunk" current sociology and sociologists, but rather he is endeavoring to make a test against a norm of his own. The proposed study should enable him not only to make a critical study but also to formulate more clearly for himself and the rest of us just what this norm is and what differences in theory and practice the conscious adoption of it should make.

He is adequately equipped not only for the more "academic" investigation at Columbia, but also for the other and more "personal" part of the study. He already knows one or more of these men, I am sure, but even more important is the fact that his personality calls for liking and confidence. If anyone can, then, I believe that he can by simply bing with a person for a short while and asking a few questions (but for the most part remaining silent) call forth a lengthy apologia pro vita sua.

Needless to say I have every confidence in his moral character. He is unusually critical and watchful of himself. As his prospectus indicates, the struggle for personal honesty and integrity is real and profound.

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Danville, Ky. March 13, 1945

Official Transcript of the Record of Mr. Paul Lieber Adams, Danville, Kentucky

Sent to National Council on Religion in Higher Education

Attendance: Admitted September 1939 In attendance till May 1943

How Admitted: By Certificate x By Examination _____ By Transfer _____

Entrance Credits: _____ College Credits _____

from Parksville, Kentucky, High School
High School

Subjects:	Units	Course Number	DESCRIPTIVE (Name of Course)	First Semester		Second Semester	
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English	4	<u>1939-1940</u>					
Mathematics							
Algebra	1	1-2 English	Rhetoric and Composition	3	B	3	A
Plane Geom.	1	1-2 Chemistry	General	4	C	4	C
		3,4,30 Economics	Economic History; Economic Geog	3	C	3	A
		1-2 French	Elementary	3	A	3	A
Adv. Arith.		1-2 History	Modern European	3	B	3	B+
Adv. Algebra							
Solid Geom.		<u>1940-1941</u>					
Trigonometry		3 Bible	Old Testament	3	B		
		11-12 English	Development of English Literature	3	A	3	A
Foreign Lang.		3-4 French	Intermediate	3	A	3	A
French		9-10 History	Recent European	3	B	3	B
German		1 Speech	Fundamentals	3	C		
Greek		1 Bible	Life of Christ			3	A
Latin		2 Sociology	Social Pathology			3	A
Spanish							
		<u>1941-1942</u>					
Social Sciences		17 French	Modern French Literature	3	A		
History	3	1-2 German	Elementary	3	A	3	A
Civics		1 Sociology	Introduction	3	A		
Pol. Econ.		5 Sociology	Social Institutions	3	A		
Sociology		9-10 Sociology	Rural Sociology; Urban Sociology	3	A	3	A
		4 History	United States History			3	A
		7 Philosophy	Religion			3	A
Education		6 Sociology	Develop of Social Theory			3	A
Psychology		Phys. Ed.	Junior				B+
Teaching							
		<u>Summer-1942</u>					
Sciences		1 Music	Appreciation and History	2	A+		
Biology		1 Philosophy	Introduction	3	A		
Botany		1 Psychology	General	3	A		
Chemistry							
Gen. Science	1	<u>1942-1943</u>					
Geology		3-4 German	Intermediate	3	A	3	A
Physics		17 Music	Art-Song	3	A		
Physical Geog.		15 Philosophy	Aesthetics	3	A		
Physiol. & Hyg.	1	3,4 Sociology	Social Psychology; Anthropology	3	A	3	A
Zoology		7 Sociology	Criminology	3	A		
Prob Democ	1	8 Sociology	Survey of Social Work			3	A
Bus Train	1	11 Sociology	Race Problems			3	A
Vocational		5 Philosophy	Logic			3	A+
Agriculture	2						
Home Econ.							
Man. Training							
Total	15						

Total number of credits secured 130 Total number of credits needed for graduation 120

A—Excellent. B—Good. C—Fair. D—Poor. F—Failure. Length of School Year—36 Weeks.

Mr. Adams graduated with A. B. degree May 24 1943

~~withdrew voluntarily and is entitled to honorable dismissal~~


 Registrar.
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This transcript is not valid unless it bears the seal of Centre College of Kentucky.

FELLOWSHIPS

April 30, 1946

Dear Mr. Adams: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of One thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) for a twelve-month period to write a sociological study of six Southern Sociologists at Columbia University.

I want to point out the fact that the funds included in this award are not subject to Federal Income Tax.

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept the fellowship? An announcement of the Committee's selections will soon be made, and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Director for Fellowships

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Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
930 Fernald Hall
Columbia University
New York, New York

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Mr. William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Haygood:

This is a happy May Day for me. I sincerely thank you very very much for sending me the notice that I have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Rosenwald Fund for help in the amount of sixteen hundred dollars.

This good news which I just received from you enables me to see purpose in my studying, much more concretely than yesterday, for example. I shall proceed with the study of the six southern sociologists, which study I have outlined for the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Thus you can see that I do accept this appointment, and with even greater enthusiasm than I am able to convey to you here.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Lieber Adams

930 Furnald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York
1 May, 1946

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Adams: I have seen the recent correspondence which you have had with Mr. Haygood in connection with the fellowship grant awarded to you a short time ago. It is customary for us to make payment in monthly installments spread over the period for which the award was made. However, if you would prefer to receive larger payments in the months in which your tuition will be due, that is entirely agreeable to us.

When you are ready to begin work under your grant, please write me, giving the payment plan best suited to your needs and the address to which your checks should be mailed. Any change of address during the tenure of your fellowship should be reported immediately so that you will receive your payments without delay.

Very truly yours,
DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAB:LCM

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
930 Farnald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

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Air mail

Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge
Secretary and Comptroller
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

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Dear Miss Elvidge:

Thank you very much for the information concerning the system by which I will receive the grant of the Rosenwald Fund. In this letter, although there is some uncertainty as to just what my address will be both during the summer and the following seasons, I will give my present address -- until the 23rd of May -- and outline a plan for payment which would be most satisfactory for me. (I am glad for the greater lumps which can be arranged for tuition paying time, as you can see.)

Could I receive the grant in this succession?

Now and for the summer----	\$300.
September-----	300.
October-----	100.
November-----	100.
December-----	100.
January-----	300.
February-----	100.
March-----	100.
April-----	100.
May-----	100.
Total-----	\$1600.

My present address you may see below, but if the first installment is not sent in order to arrive in New York by the twenty-third of May, I will send my home address. I can be reached at this latter place for two weeks, until June sixth or so, and then will return to New York to an address which is still undetermined. I apologize for the instability of my address, but the term is ending here and everything seems to be moving rapidly but uncertainly.

I hope this will be agreeable to your office. And I thank you again for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Lieber Adams

930 Fernald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York
13 May, 1946



Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
930 Fernald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Payment Voucher No. 9721 W.F.

Date May 15, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

First payment on fellowship ----- \$300.00

(For summer term, 1946)

Chk. #9721 W.F.

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$300.00	

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FELLOWSHIPS

May 15, 1946

Dear Mr. Adams: The payment plan submitted in your recent letter is quite agreeable to us, and I shall see that checks are mailed accordingly. A first payment of \$300 for the summer term is enclosed. I shall expect to hear from you again before the September 1 instalment is due, giving me your address in New York.

I hope that you enjoy your period of study at Columbia University during the coming year.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:LCM

Mr. ~~Paul Lieber Adams~~
930 Fernald Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

24 August, 1946

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Mr. William Haygood
Julius Rosenwald Fund
1601 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

This will give you some information concerning my plans and whereabouts for the following months, while I will be receiving money from the Rosenwald Foundation.

I will be in Danville, Kentucky, at 447 South Third Street, visiting my family, when the time comes for my September first instalment. I will be at that address until the third of September, at which time I will return to New York -- to be married to Marjorie Quackenbos at the 20th Street Quaker meeting house on the seventh. *noted*

Beginning on the twentieth of September, my address will be Apartment 5-R, 922 Ninth Avenue, New York 17, and I hope to be at that address for the rest of the ~~xx~~ term at Columbia. If there is any change in my address I will inform you promptly, however. *noted*

Doctor Lynd has been quite ill earlier in the year and out of town during the summer, so I have been proceeding on my work with little direction other than my own, which is perhaps best after all. When Columbia reopens, however, I will confer with him and make sure that he agrees that I am on the right course. After that, if it is desirable on your part, I will give some report of the progress made in my investigation of the Southern sociologists.

Meanwhile, in view of the busy days ahead on my academic work, I am hoping for the strictest of price controls!

Sincerely, your

Paul Lieber Adams

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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
447 South Third Street
Danville, Kentucky

Payment Voucher No. 2643


Date August 31, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$300.00

Chk. #35475

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$300.00	

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Name Paul Lieber Adams **Field:** Sociology

Graduate resident student, 930 Furnald Hall
Columbia University, New York

Plan of Work To write a sociological study of six Southern sociologists (Harry Best, Ira Reid, Howard Odum, Charles S. Johnson, Hornell Hart, and Lynn Smith); to analyze their published sociology and relate this to their biographies.

Wishes to study under Dr. Robert S. Lynd to work toward Ph.D. at Columbia University. Requests grant for one year beginning June, 1946.

Personal Data Born Broken Bow, Oklahoma, January 1924
Single, one partial dependent

Age: 22
Draft Status: IV-E

Undergraduate Work Centre College of Kentucky, A.B., 1943

Graduate Work Fisk University, 1943-44
Columbia University, M.A., in June 1946

Experience Physics laboratory assistant, Centre College, 1939-40, \$250;
librarian's assistant, Centre College, 1940-42, \$250; cook's assistant
Darnall General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky, 1942-43, \$1,200; boy's club worker,
Bethlehem Center, 1943-44, Nashville, Tennessee, room and board.

Accomplishments Centre College's equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa: The Rounde Table

Research: Research in connection with academic studies at Fisk and Columbia;
work in progress reflecting experiences as a conscripted conscientious objector; two-
month program of Satyagraha against jim-crow in Kentucky.

Scholarships: Trustees scholarship, Centre College, 1939-40, liberal arts, \$200;
Frank W. Sneed Honor Scholarship, Centre College, 1941-42, sociology, \$150; Isabella C.
Argo Honor Scholarship, Centre College, 1942-43, \$250; University Scholarship, 1943,
Fisk University, sociology, \$500; Graduate residence scholarship, Columbia, 1945-46, \$650.

References

Jameson M. Jones, Centre College
Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University
Robert K. Merton, " "
Elizabeth P. Lam, Western Reserve University
Jitsuichi Masuoka, Fisk University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,900
From Applicant	300
From Fund	\$1,600

AMOUNT GRANTED





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A SOCIOLOGY OF SIX SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGISTS:

T. Lynn Smith, Howard W. Odum, Charles S. Johnson,
Harry Best, Ira de A. Reid, and Hornell Hart.

My plan is to make a sociological study of these six Southern sociologists.

Sociologists have conceived an ideal type of sociological approach which is objective, detached from the social milieu of the sociologists themselves, and amoral: Making no value judgments. Yet, again and again, sociology has been defined as "what the sociologists are doing" -- a definition of a science (of human behavior) as a human product.

My plan of work is to be viewed in the frame work of this latter definition: sociology as experience, cumulative, growing, changing at the hands of sociologists. I intend to investigate whether this definition is accurate when I study the six Southern sociologists. It will be necessary, then, to investigate not only (1) "what the sociologists do" for sociology, the problems upon which they concentrate and how they phrase those problems, but also (2) what role they play as persons in the society in which they reside and upon which, as scientists and intellectuals, they reflect and comment. For (1) it is necessary to make content-analyses of all the published works by these men; for (2) there must be written biographies of the sociologists. Interviews must be taken with the sociologists themselves as well as the people with whom they are associated in order to construct the biographies.

It is conceivable that the former, (1) above, constitutes the more academic and easier part of the task; and I would hope to finish this research while studying at Columbia University of New York under Professor Robert S. Lynd, during the year 1946-47. But in order to study the men themselves, (2) above, I could not stay in New York City, but would go to the South for first hand observation in order to ascertain how the sociologists proceed with their daily living in relation to such cultural phenomena as jimcrow laws and customs, unionization of workers, industrialization of the South, the distribution of farmlands; in relation to their salaries their economic class position, the financial controllers of their teaching and research; in relation to the religious, political, professional organizations to which they belong. In short, I plan to study six Southern intellectuals, men who have self-consciously turned their attention to the region which is the South, men who live by values. I want to record what those values are, wherein they are nonconformist and to what extent the South's folkways have influenced the values of the men who best understand those folkways. What kind of students of society has Southern society nurtured? That is the ultimate question to which I seek an answer. (As are other PhD dissertations at Columbia, this would be published.) I believe the significance of such a study lies in the light it could shed on the sometimes-professed purity and objectivity of sociology, beginning as it does with the hypothesis that there is a correlation between the science and the scientist. This study is an attempt to formulate a sociology of sociologists, looking upon them as persons, members of groups, just as they have described all other Southerners except themselves. I ask: how different are the sociologists?

I plan, when I have got the Ph.D. degree, to teach in a Southern college which admits Negroes, or to write, and work in the field of workers' education.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

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Adams is not, I believe, intellectually what Fred Keppel used to call "a veritable eagle". (I have not yet seen his term paper for me.) He is capable, hard-working, over-modest. He makes friendships, but tends to be reserved. As to character he is no gamble. Intellectually, he is somewhat of a gamble. He will do good work wherever he is; but how good depends somewhat on whether he can come out of his reserved mood and throw himself less grimly into life.



He is so honest that he may have difficulty in making necessary concessions to situations. I like this kind of person-- there are so few of them. He is no fool and I think he is learning to handle himself effectively.

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I have watched his intellectual and social interests grow and deepen. He has the courage of his convictions and the willingness to experiment. A year as a student at Fisk University gave him a new perspective on the problem of race relations, and a summer exploring the attitudes of southern whites to Jim Crow laws also added to his experience and understanding.

Paul Adams is the kind of able, fearless, sensitive young person who can help to build a new south. He has exceptional intellectual ability and the kind of integrity and outgoing social sensitivity which give promise of worthwhile public service. His particular research project seems to me to have merit and originality. I heartily recommend him for a fellowship because I think he meets the qualifications of the Rosenwald Fund.



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He is adequately equipped not only for the more "academic" investigation at Columbia, but also for the other and more "personal" part of the study. He already knows one or more of these men, I am sure, but even more important is the fact that his personality calls for liking and confidence. If anyone can, then, I believe that he can by simply being with a person for a short while and asking a few questions (but for the most part remaining silent) call forth a lengthy anologia pro vita sua.

Needless to say I have every confidence in his moral character. He is unusually critical and watchful of himself. As his prospectus indicates, the struggle for personal honesty and integrity is real and profound.

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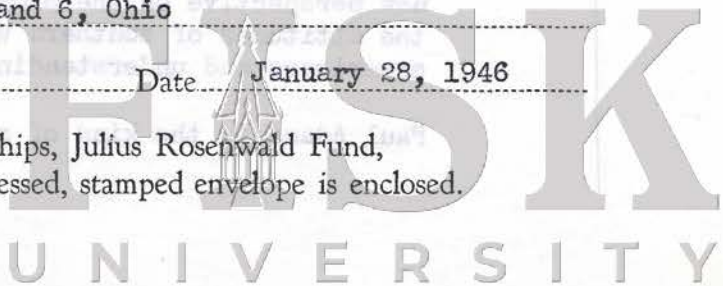
Signed Elizabeth P. Lam

Position or Title Professor of Biblical Literature

Address Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio

Date January 28, 1946

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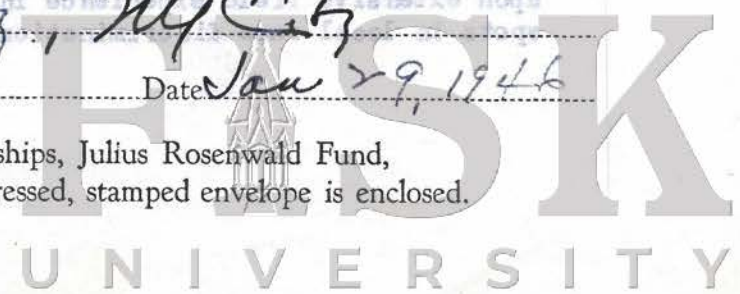
Signed: Robert N. Merton

Position or Title: Assoc Prof of Sociology - Acting Chairman of Dept

Address: Columbia University, NYC

Date: Jan 29, 1946

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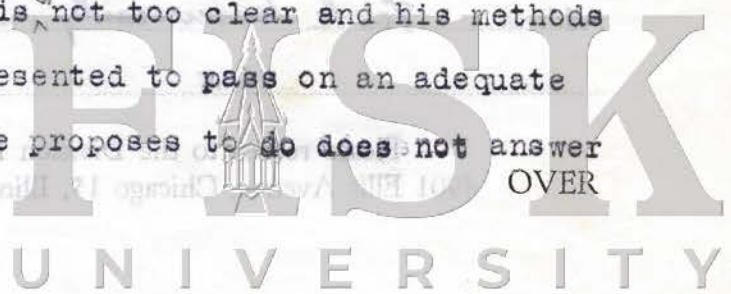
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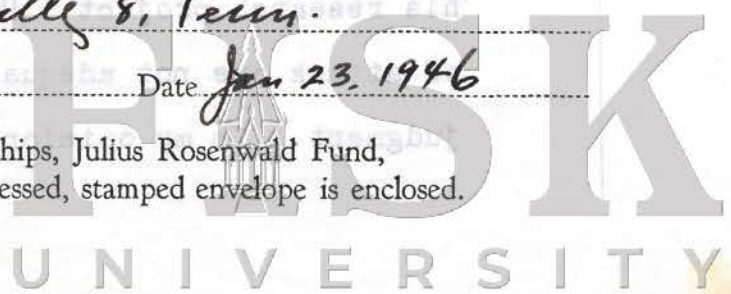
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Address *Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn.*
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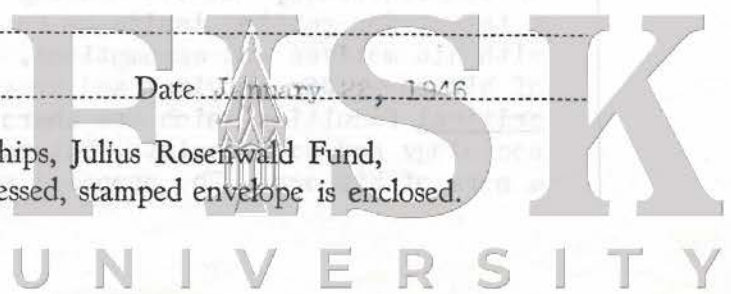
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Position or Title Associate Professor, Religion and Philosophy

Address Centre College

Danville, Kentucky Date January 10, 1946

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me (quietly & with no sense of self-pity) "Life can't ever do to me anything harder than I've already taken."

Adams needs two things: (1) I'd like to see him stay away from the South for one more year, to get the stimulation & loosening up that contact with many new kinds of people can give him. (2) He needs contact with big, hopeful personal's who work for the South but are not grim about it. The study he proposes should do precisely this last, i.e. give him a positive, creative rationale for returning to work in the South.

Adams is not, I believe, ^{intellectually} what Fred Kephel used to call "a veritable eagle"; (I have not yet seen his term-paper for me.) He is capable, hard-working, & over-modest. He makes friendships, but tends to be reserved. As to character he is no gamble. Intellectually, he is somewhat of a gamble. He will do good work wherever he is; but how good depends somewhat on whether he can come out of his reserved mood and throw himself less grimly into life.

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

He is so honest that he may have difficulty in making necessary concessions to situations. I like this kind of person - there are so few of them. He is no fool & I think he is learning to handle himself effectively.

Signed..... Robert S. Lynd

Position or Title..... Chairman, Dept of Sociology

Address..... Columbia Univ, N.Y.C.

Date..... 1/30/46

Please return to the Division for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois. Addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. ~~Paul Lieber~~ Adams

Apartment 5R

922 Ninth Avenue

New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 2787


Date September 30, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

Chk. #35653

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. (Paul Lieber) Adams
Apartment 5R, 922 Ninth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 2946


Date October 31, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

ck. #35843

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
Apartment 5R, 922 Ninth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3071

Date November 29, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

Ck: #36002

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams

Apartment 5R

922 Ninth Avenue

New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3200


Date December 20, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$300.00

Ck. #36180

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$300.00	

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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
Apt. 5R, 922 Ninth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3357

Date January 31, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

Chk. #36355

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
Apt. 5B, 922 Ninth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3459

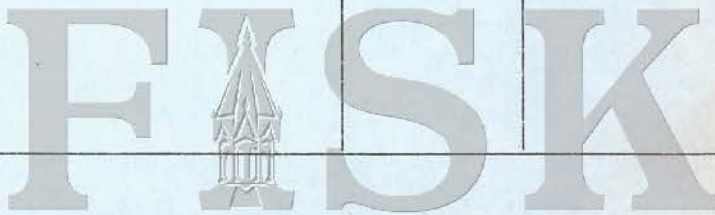
Date February 28, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

OK. #36487

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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3/22/47

Mr. William Haygood
 Director for Fellowships
 Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago 15, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

I realize that this may seem pretty irregular but, finding myself unable to pay bills, I would like to ask the Rosenwald Fund for some more money. Would you let me know whether such additional assistance, particularly at such a late date in my fellowship, is obtainable?

Living in New York is much too expensive-- so much so that even with help from my wife and from her family I have not been able to get even some of the books I need. But aside from the regular strains, my wife had a severe attack of flu about a month ago and two weeks ago was placed in the hospital for treatment by a gynecologist. She is now out of the hospital, completely well it appears, but the bills have a way of coming with a return to health. I have borrowed a hundred dollars, and I have been given a hundred dollars by the American Friends Service Committee, but these are not enough.

Would you please tell me whether the Rosenwald Fund is in a position to make a sum of, say, three hundred dollars available to me at this time? If it could even be arranged in the form of a loan, I would deeply appreciate it. Or if you have any "ideas" I would be glad to hear them.

I am going ahead with my research on the sociologists at a steady pace despite these troubles I have related to you. And I have been applying for jobs in Negro colleges for next year, but with little luck to date. I will get the MA in June, and want to teach beginning this summer.

Thank you for your kindness. Sincerely yours,

Paul Lieber Adams

922 Ninth Avenue, New York 19, New York, 19 March 47



FELLOWSHIPS

March 24, 1947

Dear Mr. Adams: The only means we have of increasing the amounts awarded to current fellows is through an extension to your present fellowship. I will bring your request before the full Committee when it holds its first meeting the initial week of April. I quite frankly do not know what action will be taken, since I have on hand a number of similar requests, and the funds allocated for extensions have been hard hit by former fellows whose work was interrupted by the war. I don't say this to discourage you, but merely to state the odds. I'm sure the members of the Committee will give your request every thought and care, and I'll let you know as soon as I can.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
922 Ninth Avenue
New York 19, New York

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4901 Ellis Avenue
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To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
Apt. 5B, 922 Ninth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3588

Date March 31, 1947

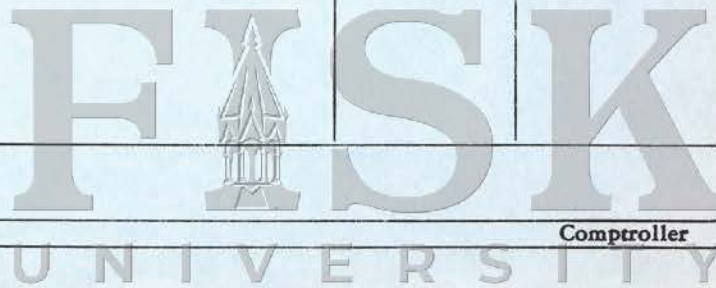
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Payment on fellowship ----- \$100.00

Ck. #36647

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	

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FELLOWSHIPS

April 11, 1947

Dear Mr. Adams: I am glad to write you that the Committee on Fellowships has granted you a \$500 extension to your current fellowship to enable you to complete your work at Columbia. I hope that this sum will be sufficient to overcome the present difficulties, and that you may carry your research to a successful completion.

Please write Miss Elvidge and set up a payment plan with her.

With all best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Mr. Paul L. Adams
922 Ninth Avenue
New York 19, New York

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Mr. William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Thank you very deeply. Your letter came this morning with the notice that the Committee of Fellowships has granted me an additional \$500. for catching up some loose ends and proceeding with my research. I am extremely grateful for this action.

I am writing immediately to Miss Dorothy Elvidge and suggesting a schedule for the payment of the extended amount.

Let me again thank you sincerely for your kindness to me.

Truly yours,

Paul Lieber Adams

922 Ninth Avenue
New York 19, New York
14 April 1947

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Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge
 Secretary and Comptroller
 Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Elvidge:

I have just received notice that the Committee on Fellowships has granted an extension of \$500. on the amount of my current fellowship. Mr. Haygood has asked me to write you concerning a payment plan which will be satisfactory.

I believe that with the new addition I will have \$600. coming to me from your office. Of this amount I would prefer receiving \$300. immediately -- that is to say, by 1 May 1947 -- and the remainder on the first of June, if this arrangement is satisfactory to you.

If I do not hear any question from your office, I will assume that this plan is satisfactory.

Thank you sincerely.

Paul Lieber Adams

922 Ninth Avenue
 New York 19, New York
 14 April 1947

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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Journal Voucher No. 3202

Date April 16, 1947

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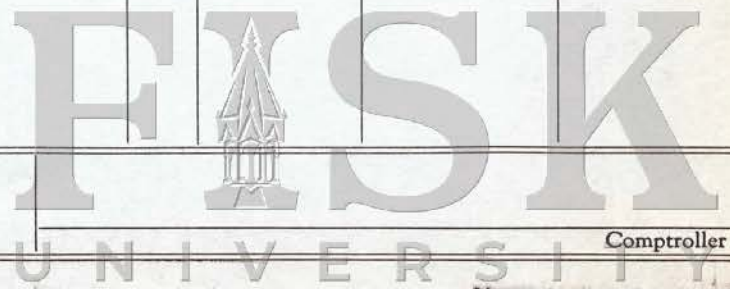
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White Southern Fellowships	46-13A		\$500.00
Allocation to cover extension of \$500 to Paul Lieber Adams. Approved at meeting of Fellowship Committee, April 5, 1947.			

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
922 Ninth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3701

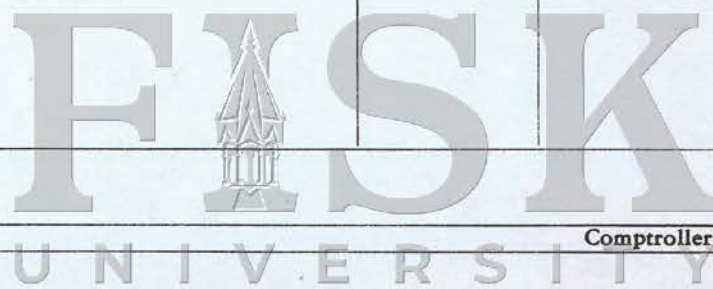
Date April 16, 1947

Final payment on fellowship granted 4/30/46	-----	\$100.00
First payment on extension	-----	<u>200.00</u>
		<u>\$300.00</u>

Ck. #36792

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	45-7A	\$100.00	
White Southern Fellowships	46-13A	<u>200.00</u>	
		\$300.00	

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. Paul Lieber Adams
Apartment 5R
922 Ninth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Payment Voucher No. 3845

Date May 31, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

Final payment on fellowship extension - - - - - \$300.00

Ck. #36991

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	46-13A	\$300.00	

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June 14, 1947

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Dr. Will W. Alexander
c/o Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Alexander:

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Oklahoma
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Columbia*

What can you tell me about Paul (Lieber)

Adams, who had a Rosenwald Fellowship in 1946-47?

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

FMR:B

He wrote about a job at
Spelman.

Do you know of a good
secretary for me?
desperate need. I'm in



From Atlanta University

For immediate release

ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN RECEIVE
DEGREES AT ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Atlanta, Ga., June 2 - Special

One hundred nineteen men and women received graduate and professional degrees from President Rufus E. Clement at Atlanta University today, June 2, at 6:00 p. m., in the Library Quadrangle. The commencement address was delivered by Attorney Earl Dickerson of Chicago, Illinois, president of the American Bar Association and chief counsel for the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of Chicago.

In the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 14 received the Master of Arts degree. In English, Natalie Alfreda Davis of Mobile, Ala.; Ethel Jacobs Gordon of Savannah, Ga.; Marcheita Vivian Jefferson of Sedalia, Mo.; Dorothy Roberts Simpson of Normal, Ala.; and Helen Martha Stephens of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. In French, Willie Burke Anderson of Dallas, Texas; and Nora Mae Patrick of Atlanta. In History, John Quincy Davidson of Statesville, N. C.; and Arthur Clarence Williams of Birmingham, Alabama. In Sociology, Elise Oliver Hope of Nashville, Tenn.; Kathryn L. Johnson of Meridian, Miss.; and Moddie D. Roberts of Athens, Georgia. In Mathematics, Percy Milligan, Memphis, Tenn.; Julia A Madison, Atlanta.

Five received the degree of Master of Science: Chemistry, Leonidas Brown Barron of Dixie, Ga.; and Dorothy Thompson Hood of San Antonio, Texas. Mathematics, Mary Alice English of Waycross, Ga.; Morris Edward Mosely of Decatur, Ala.; and Hubert Randolph Scott of Comer, Ga.

Forty received the degree of Master of Social Work: Frances Marie Anderson of Birmingham, Ala.; Gloria Lee Belcher of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Charles Albert Berry, Jr. of Hawkins, Texas; Claude Ray Bewley of Morristown, Tenn.; Fanette Susan Bradley of Knoxville, Tenn.; Beulah Ruth Clarke of New York City; Ruby Alma Clowers of Macon, Ga.; Francetta Andremae Cole of Arkansas City, Ark.; Amanda Fuhr Cooke of Muskogee, Okla.; Horton Cooper of Durham, N. C.; Mary Rosamond Dunn

of Louisville, Ky.; Faye Geneva Duvall of Kansas City, Kan.; Victoria E. Efferson of Tallahassee, Fla.; Myrtle A. Farris of Los Angeles, Cal.; Samuel Jay Ferguson of Wilmington, N. C.; Rosemary Plummer Fitts of Wilson, N. C.; J. Frankye Fleming of Long View, Texas; Emma Deleskie Ford of St. Louis, Mo.; Margaret Hermenia Gordon of East Orange, N. J.; Mabel Vivian Hargrave of Charlotte, N. C.; Leon Delane Hicklin of Talladega, Ala.; Evelyn Ramsey Johnstone of New York City; Martha Smith Lewis of Kensett, Ark.; Vernetta A. Madison of Norfolk, Va.; Myrtle Turner Mickens of Atlanta; Ruth Patsy Miller of Fort Valley, Ga.; Joseph Lewis Minnifield of Atlanta; Katie Elizabeth Moore of Quitman, Ga.; Rose Evelyn Phillips of Cincinnati, Ohio; Edith R. Reid of Atlanta; Sandy Gregg Reid of Cleveland, Ohio; Faye Henly Sandifer of New York; Eunice Cleavis Simpson of Montgomery, Ala.; John Carleton Smith of Roanoke, Va.; Nancy Merritt Stevens of Chicago, Ill.; Lucille Beatrice Stiles of Savannah, Ga.; Elise Elizabeth Tidwell of Cleveland, Ohio; Isabelle McIntyre Tobin of Atlanta; Hunter Brinkley Watson of Windsor, N. C.; and Frankie Pauline Wilkins of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Eighteen received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Service; Willie Blanche Baker of Vaughn, N. C.; Julia Cleve Batey of Dothan, Ala.; Doris Ready Brown of Wilmington, N. C.; Florine Edwina Brown of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Georgia Essie Lee Casley of Darlington, S. C.; Lillian Clarissa Davis of Indianapolis, Ind.; Fannie Blanche Foster of Cleveland, Ohio; Nancy Mildred Harper of Montgomery, Ala.; Martha Louise Harry of Indianapolis, Ind.; Marnesba Davis Hill of Atlanta; Harriet Elizabeth Jenkins of Charleston, S. C.; Barbara Lee Lockett of Augusta, Ga.; Lillian Elouise Martin of New Orleans, La; Geraldine Cecilia Morgan of High Point, N. C.; Julia Watson Mosley of Farmville, Va.; Edith Iola Prunty of North Fork, W. Va.; Pauline Cynthia Styles of Miami, Fla.; and Mamie Altomette Walker of Darlington, S. C.

Six in the School of Education received the degree of Master of Arts; Leroy Allen Banks of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Geraldine Hamilton Cook of Birmingham, Ala.;

Mozelle Eunice Dailey of Atlanta; Grover Cleveland Fields of New Bern, N. C.; Orlando Frank Hudson of Whiteville, N. C.; and John M. Shuler of Florence, S. C.

Thirty-five in the School of Education received the degree of Master of Education: Howard W. Blake of Tampa, Fla.; John Archie Blount of Ansonville, N. C.; Mary Helen Bridges of Atlanta; Charles Delano Brooks of Jacksonville, Fla.; Robert Anderson Bryant of Cedartown, Ga.; Viola Corine Clay of Nowata, Okla.; Gladys Holsey Davis of Thomasville, Ga.; Mamie Sapp Dye of Elberton, Ga.; William Johnson Earl of Mobile, Ala.; Homer Theodore Edwards of Athens, Ga.; Mary Wimberly Gant of Roxboro, N. C.; Clara Brownlee Gay of Greensboro, Ga.; Pendleton Irving Green of Delray Beach, Fla.; John Edward Hall of Winter Park, Fla.; Louise Orene Hall of Albany, Ga.; Mabel Wright Henry of Savannah, Ga.; Allie Beatrice Horne of Albany, Ga.; Eula Coney Jackson of Dublin, Ga.; Harold James Jones of Gainesville, Fla.; Madie A. Kincy of Soperton, Ga.; James Artemus Miller of Florence, S. C.; Carrie V. Moore of Madison, Ga.; Edith Brown Murray of Atlanta; Willa Geneva Owens of Atlanta; James Columbus Reese of Waycross, Ga.; Cassie Marion Robinson of Covington, Ga.; William Jerry Rowe of Atlanta; Caledonia Dorothea Simpson of Jacksonville, Fla.; Ruth Powell Sledge of Demopolis, Ala.; Alveria Elizabeth Smith of Jacksonville, Fla.; Elvira Pierce Smith of Roberta, Ga.; Juliett Theodora Thomas of Statesboro, Ga.; Mary Blount Trawick of Monticello, Ga.; Clara Louise West of Thomson, Ga.; Nathan Franklyn Williams of Swainsboro, Ga.

For the first time in its history, the University awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration. The first to receive the new degree was Powell William Holly, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.



FELLOWSHIPS

Adams,
Paul L

June 23, 1947

Dear Miss Read: I had been holding your letter of June 14 anticipating Doctor Will's appearance in Chicago this past week. However, since he did not come in, and upon inquiry here, I find that Doctor Charles Johnson at Fisk is familiar with Mr. Adams and could probably give you just the information you are seeking.

Since Doctor Will is not expected back in Chicago until some time in the Fall, you might prefer to get in touch with Doctor Johnson.

Very truly yours,
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Secretary

Miss Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

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