

1939

Name Tate, Merze 1905 Negro
 White Southerner
 Political Science

Position Chairman of Social Studies Division and History
 Instructor, Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.
 Special Field International
 Group Relations

College W.S.T.C., Kalamazoo, Mich, B. A., 1927
 Ph. D. Radcliffe College, 1941

University Columbia University, summers 1928-30, M.A.; Oxford University, B. Litt. 1935
 Harvard University, summer 1938; Geneva School International Studies, s 1931;

Plan of Work: Berlin University, s of 1935; Paris (intermittent) 1932-35

Would like to spend 15 months attempting to meet Harvard University requirements for degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Government, with the thesis subject: The Movement for Disarmament, 1815-1914. Radcliffe College, but to work at Harvard with Dr. Payson S. Wild.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,800.

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Grade teacher, Cassopolis, Mich., 1925-26; History teacher, Attucks High School, Indianapolis; ¹⁹²⁷⁻³² Dean of Women and teacher of history, Barber-Scotia Jr. College; ¹⁹³⁵⁻³⁶ Social Science Instructor, Bennett College; ^{since 1936} same at N. C. College for Negroes; ^{summer 1936} same at A. and T. College, Greensboro; ^{summer 1937} tutor, family of Comte de Geoffre, Montelimar, France, summers of 1933, 34.

Passed general examinations for the doctorate, June 15, 1940, receiving special honors in international relations. 6/20/40

During the tenure of her fellowship Miss Tate passed the language examinations for the Ph. D. degree, fulfilled the year's residence requirement, passed her generals and revised and completed her thesis. She plans to return to Cambridge in January, 1941, to take the examination over her special field and her thesis. 9/24/40

Received Ph. D. degree from Radcliffe College in June of 1941. 6/16/41

Howard University
Washington, D. C.


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CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

Miss Tate returned to her position as instructor in history at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina. 9/24/40

In June of 1941 the Ph. D. degree was granted Miss Tate by Radcliffe College. The title of her dissertation is "The Movement for a Limitation of Armaments to 1907 6/30/41 Also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

In September, 1941, Miss Tate went to Morgan College, Baltimore, as a member of the staff of the political science department and as Dean of Women. 11/17/41. (Associate Professor of Political Science and Dean of Women)

In fall of 1942 Miss Tate went to Howard University to serve on temporary appointment as associate professor of history.

9/25/44:

temporary Associate Professor of History, Instructor of Geography in the ASTRP program.

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The Disarmament Illusion, doctor's dissertation published by Macmillan in June, 1942.

The Disarmament Illusion

BY MERZE TATE. Here is the definitive story of the disarmament movement down to 1907, published under the auspices of the Bureau of International Research of Harvard University and Radcliffe College. \$3.50

1944: American Disarmament Policies to be published by the American Council on Public Affairs and the Bureau of International Research of Harvard University. Selected Readings in Geopolitics in progress.



MERZE TATE

Chairman, Social Studies Division &
History Instructor
Bennett College

Political science

This person seems to have
gone over
I see no reason for another
print

No



MERZE TATE

\$1,800
granted

(34)

1939

Bennett College, N. C.

International Relations

Excellent record
Fine scholar

Wald of Harvard says "without hesitation,
I feel she is one of the ablest graduate
students, white or colored, I have
encountered in two years of teaching"

President Jones of Bennett speaks
mildly of her teaching "in my
judgement a very satisfactory teacher"
Maybe better consult Jones further if
an award is contemplated
to see if she has any other
merit which I rate her

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Candidate

Merze Tate (Miss)

Special Field

Hist

Chairman, Social Studies Div. & History Instructor,
Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina

International Relations

Plan of Work

I should like to spend the period from June 4, 1939, till the end of August, 1940 - 15 months - attempting to meet the Harvard University requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Government, with the thesis subject: THE MOVEMENT FOR DISARMAMENT 1888-1914.

Wishes to work under supervision of Dr. Payson S. Wild. Has not yet applied for admittance. Can return to present position.

PLD

Radcliffe

Digest of Application

Born February, 1905, Blanchard, Michigan.

A. B. Western State Teachers College, 1927. Indiana University Extension, 1928-31. M. A. Columbia University, 1930. B. Litt. Oxford University, 1935. Harvard University, summer 1938. Special study at Geneva School Intern. St. summer of 1931; Berlin University, summer of 1935; Paris (intermittent) 1932-35.

Tuition scholarship for 1928, 24-25, 26-27, at Western State Teachers College; Alpha Kappa Alpha Foreign Fellowship of \$1000, 1932; Phelps-Stokes Fund scholarship for \$400 and loan of \$450, 1933-35; Society of Oxford Home Students, tuition for 1933-34 and small grant.

Research in Oxford, the British Museum in London, the Bibliotheque National in Paris, and League of Nations Library in Geneva. Published: Justification of The Women's College, Journal of the National Association of College Women, Vol. XIV, 1937, and the Bennett College Bulletin, Dec. 1937; A Proposed Social Studies Program for Bennett College, A Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes, April 1937; Suggestions for Improving the Materials and Methods of Teaching the Social Sciences in Negro Colleges, Ibid, January, 1939; Poems.

References

- Dr. David D. Jones, President, Bennett College
- Dr. Payson W. Wild, Harvard University
- Dr. Bernice B. Cronkhite, Radcliffe College
- Dr. W. Valdo Weber, Western State Teachers College

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$2867
From applicant	<u>550</u>
From Fund	\$2317
(or less if Committee cannot grant full amount)	
Granted	\$1,800

Committee Notes

ask Harvard to recruit three
Cronkhite, to recruit.

Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts
- Western State Teachers College
- Columbia University
- Oxford University
- Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee 7/10

Documents returned



MERZE TATE - Positions held.

Grade Teacher, Calvin Center School, Cassopolis, Michigan, 1925-26, \$1000;
History Teacher, Crispus Attucks High School, Indianapolis, Indiana,
1927-32, \$1600-\$2000; Dean of Women and History Teacher, Barber-Scotia
Junior College, 1935-36, \$1700; Social Science Instructor, Bennett College,
1936 - , \$1995 - \$2345. Summer of 1936, Social Science Instructor, North
Carolina College for Negroes, \$200; summer 1937, Social Science Instructor,
A & T College, Greensboro, N. C., \$250; summers 1933 and 1934, tutor,
family of the Comte de Geoffre, Chateau des Roches, Montelimar, France,
\$150.

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