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A Departmental Research Model: W.E.B. DuBois and the Atlanta University Studies on the Negro Problems (DuBois-AU Model)

I. Websites and Introductory Readings on the “DuBois-AU Model”

The Atlanta University Publications , 1896-1944

AUC Woodruff Library Collection: Atlanta University Studies on the Negro Problems:

“The Atlanta University Publications is a series of monographs on topics pertaining to the life, health, economic development, and social conditions of African Americans, published by Atlanta University. The Publications consisted of the speeches and data presented at the annual Conferences for the Study of Negro Problems, held at Atlanta University. The findings were edited (often by W.E.B. DuBois), put into pamphlet form and distributed. The publications continued for twenty years, until 1917 when they were discontinued for financial reasons. Briefly renewed in 1941, the series was permanently discontinued in 1944...”

Analysis: W.E.B. Du Bois: "The Study of the Negro Problems"

W.E.B. Du Bois's "The Study of the Negro Problems" is a pivotal work addressing the systemic challenges faced by African Americans at the turn of the 20th century. In the context of a nation grappling with the legacy of slavery and ongoing discrimination, Du Bois employs a sociological approach to highlight how historical oppression has severely limited African Americans' participation in economic, social, and political spheres. He critiques the prevailing views of his contemporaries, particularly those of Booker T. Washington, who advocated for gradual acceptance and self-improvement as a means of achieving equality. Instead, Du Bois argues that discrimination creates an automatic disadvantage, making it nearly impossible for African Americans to elevate their status solely through personal effort. Emphasizing the complex interplay between racial segregation and societal integration, Du Bois suggests that the challenges faced by African Americans are deeply rooted in a history of exclusion that has left them ill-equipped to fully engage in mainstream society. This work laid the groundwork for future civil rights activism and a more nuanced understanding of race relations in America...”

II. W.E.B. DuBois: Some Brief Research Perspectives

1. ["The Atlanta Years"](#)
2. [DuBois, the Black College & Research in and on the Black Community](#)

III. Videos on the Clark Atlanta University 2012 W. E. B. Du Bois Major Works Seminars March 18, 2012

Speakers and Panel Discussion on the Atlanta University Studies on the Negro Problems:

1. [Dr. Joseph Silver](#)
2. [Dr. Christy Garrison-Harrison](#)
3. [Dr. Terry Mills](#)
4. [Dr. Beverly Guy Sheftall](#)
5. [Dr. Akinyele Umoja](#)
6. [Dr. Kurt B. Young](#)
7. [Q&A Session](#)