Abstract
William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (1868-1963) was one of the American pioneers of sociological practice. Du Bois made major contributions to the development of this country through his scientific and popular publications and through his organizational efforts. This article serves as an introduction to Du Bois’ work. The first section is about Du Bois’ writing and intervention activities and the second focuses on his relationship to the field of sociology. The third section provides information about Herbert Aptheker (1915—), the historian who edited Du Bois’ published writings and was custodian of his unpublished work and correspondence. This article introduces Du Bois’ 1944 autobiographical essay, "My Evolving Program for Negro Freedom," and Aptheker’s "W.E.B. Du Bois: Struggle Not Despair."

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