SOCIOLOGY 202 -- INTRODUCTION TO FIELD STUDIES

Description and Calendar

Each student, alone or with another, will study a Census Tract in the area between 43rd and 55th Streets, running west from the Lake as far as necessary to accommodate all of the class. Those who are already working on a project in some other part of the city may, with permission of the instructors, be allowed to report on that area.

The several reports described below are to be turned in on the due date. They will be returned to you as soon as possible, with comments and suggestions. All earlier reports will be turned in again with the final report.

When your reports have all been turned in, they will not again be returned to you, but will be kept on file as part of your record and for the use of other students. If you wish to keep copies, make carbons as you go along.

Each report will be discussed in detail sometime before it is due, and most of them will be discussed again after they have been turned in and examined. Consult the field study documents pertinent to each kind of report before you start. Also consult the bibliography for items pertinent to each report.

Keep a diary from your first trip to the last. It should contain full account of your observations, a record of things you do and of people with whom you talk, and your ideas and impressions, all dated. This will be a valuable source of data, and a record of your own progress. Turn in the diary with the final report.

I. Description of area, and your first judgment as to problems of interest which might be investigated there. Consult published sources (see Bibliography) and state in summary form (tables, percentages, etc.) the crucial facts concerning the area: age, sex, occupation, ethnic and racial distribution, education, housing, etc. of the population. Visit the area, look it over street by street, making notes of what you see that might give clues to who lives there, and what goes on. Make a map of the tract with as much significant detail as possible. Ask questions of this sort and try to answer them: Has the area changed since the Census of 1940? Is it improving or degenerating physically? Are there signs of new kinds of people? Is it an area of families or of footloose individuals? Are there signs of conflict between different elements of the population? Is there evidence of neighborhood life? One way to bring such description and statement to a head is to compare the facts and observations with those of some other area which you know. Due: October 14.

II. Standard interviews. A series of interviews on a given problem, using a form to be presented in class. Due: October 21, Nov 1

III. A) A genealogy, with a statement of all incidental information gained about the family of which the genealogy is taken. B) A description of a family household. The latter should include (1) description of the exterior of the building and grounds, (2) of the quarters of the family. Note disposition and probable use of rooms, furnishings, decoration, etc. Due: October 28.
IV. A report on leading institutions (other than family) and associations, and on informal groups (boys' gangs, social cliques, etc.) Select one institution for special study: describe its activities; its offices and leading people (social class, occupations, ethnic background, places of residence); its adherents, members, or other people concerned; its role in the community and community opinion concerning it. Make a similar investigation of an informal group. Note: You should start looking for informal groups at the very beginning of your investigation. Dues: November 16, 26

V. A report on one or more public or semi-public gatherings. Describe and make a drawing of the place of meetings, the kinds of people present and their spatial distribution, the events of the meeting, the different kinds of participation, and reactions of people present. Dues: November 16, 26

VI. A series of interviews, without questionnaire in evidence, on some problem which you by this time think of some significance in the area. Dues: December 9,

VII. Final report. Analyze data collected; correct errors or earlier reports, and include earlier reports with this one. Then propose a problem which you now think it feasible to investigate in an area similar to the one studied. Dues: December 16, 26
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Book Purchase List

Each student should have one book each from Lists A, B, and C. The choices are to be made in consultation with the instructors.

A. General Works on Methods of Social Observation and Analysis

Allport, Gordon. The Use of Personal Documents in Psychological Science. New York: Social Science Research Council, 1942 ($3.00)


Young, F., Scientific Social Surveys and Research. New York: Prentice-Hall 1942 ($3.00)

B. Studies of Modern Western Communities


Hughes, Everett C. French Canada in Transition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1943. ($2.50)

Jones, A. W. Life, Liberty and Property. Philadelphia, 1941, J. B. Lippincott, ($5.00)


Miner, N., St. Denis. A French-Canadian Parish. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1939. ($3.00)


Warner, W. L. and Lunt, P. The Social Life of a Modern Community. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1941. ($4.00)


West, James. Pleasure, USA, New York: Columbia University Press, 1945 ($2.75)


C. Works on Primitive and Exotic Peoples

Boas, G. People of Aior. Minneapolis, 1944 ($3.50)

Fei, Hsiao-Tung and Chang, Chih-I. Earthbound China. Chicago, 1945, University of Chicago Press. ($3.75)
Hunter, Monica. Reaction to Conquest. London, 1937. ($5.00)
Linton, Ralph, The Totem. Chicago: Field Museum, Auth. Sec. 22, 1933 ($3.50)
Malinowski, Bronislaw. Argonauts of the Western Pacific. London, 1922. ($6.00)
Parsons, Elsie Clews. Mlta, Town of the Souls. Chicago, 1936, University of Chicago Press. ($3.00)
Redcliffe-Pokaya, A. R., The Andaman Islanders. Cambridge at the University Press, 1933. ($6.00)
Redfield, Robert. Topozolan, A Mexican Village. Chicago, 1930. The University of Chicago Press. ($3.00)
Redfield, Robert. The Folk Culture of Yukon. Chicago, 1941. The University of Chicago Press. ($3.00)
Richards, Audrey. Land, Labour and Dye in Northern Rhodesia. New York: Oxford, 1939. ($5.00)
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I. Sources of Information about Chicago Areas.

- Catholic Guide of Chicago Archdiocese (Harper Reading Room)
- Census Data of the City of Chicago, 1920, by E. W. Burgess and Charles Newcomb
- Census Data of the City of Chicago, 1930, by E. W. Burgess and Charles Newcomb
- Census Data of the City of Chicago, 1940, by Charles Newcomb and Richard Lang
- Chicago Civic Directory (To find, see Miss VerNocy, Harper Reading Room)
- Chicago Land Use Survey, Chicago Plan Commission
  - Vol. I. Residential Chicago
  - Vol. II. Land Use in Chicago
- Special Reports
  - Housing in Chicago Communities (A volume for each community, No. 1, 2, etc.) 1940
  - Industrial and Commercial Background for Planning Chicago, 1942
  - Forty-Four Cities in the City of Chicago, 1942
  - Population Facts for Planning Chicago, 1942
  - Master Plan of Residential Land Use of Chicago, 1943.
- Health Data Book for the 75 Local Community Areas of the City of Chicago, Chicago Health Department, Chicago, 1939
- Local Community Fact Book, 1938 by Louis Wirth and Margaret Pурez
- Olcott's Land Values Blue Book of Chicago. Chicago, 1944
- Social Service Directory, Council of Social Agencies of Chicago, Chicago.
- Street Address Coding Guide of Chicago, 1930. (Any address in Chicago can be placed in a community and census tract by use of this guide.)
- Vital Statistics for Cook County and Chicago. By Melvin V. Dollar

II. Chicago Recreation Survey

- Chicago Recreation Survey. By A. J. Todd. Chicago Recreational Commission
- Vol. IV. Recreation by Community Areas in Chicago
- Shanas and Dunning, Recreation and Delinquency.
III. Books and Theses about Chicago

Addams, Jane. Twenty Years at Hull House.
Bender, A. Civilian Defense Block Organization in Hyde Park (Unpub. M.A. thesis.)
Cayton, H. and Drake, St. C. Black Metropolis
Cressey, Paul F. The Succession of Cultural Groups in the City of Chicago
Cressey, Paul. The Taxi Dance Hall.
Drake, St. Clair. Churches and Voluntary Associations in the Chicago Negro
   Community. W.P.A., Chicago, 1940.
Farr, R. E. D. and Dunham, H. W. Mental Disorders in Urban Areas.
Foley, D.L., An Index of the Physical Quality of Dwellings in Chicago Residential
   Areas. (M.A. thesis, University of Chicago, 1942)
Frazier, F. The Negro Family in Chicago.
Ogden, Mary Elaine, The Chicago Negro Community: A Statistical Description.
   W.P.A., Chicago, 1939
   of Chicago, 1942)
Pierce, Bessie L. History of Chicago
Reckless, Walter C. Vice in Chicago
Scott, Estelle Hill. Occupational Changes among Negroes in Chicago. W.P.A.,
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Shaw, C. Delinquency Areas.
Smith, T. V. and White, L. Chicago
Wirth, L. The Ghetto
Zorbaugh, H. The Gold Coast and the Slum.

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Chicago in the University Library.)

IV. Studies of Communities

Anderson, Elin F. The Americans (New England Industrial Small City)
Arensberg, C. and Kimball, S. Family and Community in Ireland
Davis, A. and Gardner, B. and M. Deep South (Southern Town)
Dollard, J. Caste and Class in a Southern Town
   Chap. 1 and 2 "Choosing a Site and a Method"
   Chap. 3 "Essays and Preoccupations"
Fei, H. T. Peasant Life in China (Chinese Village)
Hughes, E. C. French Canada in Transition (Industrial Small City)
Jones, Alfred W. Life, Liberty, and Property (Midwestern Industrial City)
Lazarfeld, Paul F. The People's Choice (Politics in Small Midwest Community)
Lynd, R. and M. Middletown (Midwest Industrial City)
   Chap. 1 "Nature of the Investigation"
   Chap. 2 "The City Selected"

Miner, H. St. Louis, A French-Canadian Parish (Rural Village)
Powdermaker, H. After Freedom (Southern Town)
   Introduction "Method of Entering a Community"
   Appendix A. Questionnaire on White Attitudes Toward Negroes
   Appendix C. Document Section

United States Department of Agriculture. Rural Life Studies. Carl C. Taylor, Editor
   El Cerrito, New Mexico - Olen Leonard and C. F. Locnis, 1941
   Sublette, Kansas - Earl H. Bell, 1942
   Londell, New Hampshire - Kenneth Macleish and Kimball Young, 1942
   The Old Order Amish of Lancaster County, Penn. - Walter H. Rollmorgen
   Irwin, Iowa - Edward O. Koe and Carl C. Taylor, 1942
   Harsany, Georgia - Walter Wynn, 1943

(See "Foreword" of any one of these reports for description of why these
communities were selected.)
Ware, C. Greenwich Village (New York City)
Warner, W. L. and Lunt, P. The Social Life of a Modern Community
  Chap. 1. "The Genesis of the Research"
  Chap. 3. "The Field Techniques Used"
Whyte, W. F. Street Corner Society (Large City Italian District)
West, James. Plainsville, U. S. A. (Midwest Rural Village)

V. Methods of Study

Allport, Gordon W. The Use of Personal Documents in Psychological Science
Burgess, E. W. The Urban Community
Dawson and Getty. Introduction to Sociology (Revised edition)
Dollard, John. Criteria for the Use of the Life-History
Gardner, B. B. Interviewing Method (mimeographed)
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Kluckhohn, Florence. "The Participant-Observer Technique in Small Communities,
Korenovsky, Mirra. The Unemployed Man and His Family. Chap. 1, pp. 1-22
Lundberg, George. Social Research (Second edition)
Malinowski, B. Argonauts of the Western Pacific, pp. 6-24, "Proper Conditions
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Palmer, V. Field Studies in Sociology
Park, R. E., The City
Redfield, Robert, The Folk Culture of Yucatan
Roethlisberger, F. and Dickson, J. W. Management and the Worker.
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  Chap. 17 "Method and Procedure in Studying a Shop Department"
Webb, E. B. and B. Methods of Social Studies
Whyte, W. F. "Can the Social Sciences Be Useful?" American Scholar, Summer, 1944.
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