



Yale University

Workshop in Urban Ethnography

The Ethnographic Interpretation of Urban Life and Culture

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Robert E. Park and W.E.B. DuBois: The Sociology of Urban Life and Culture

Sociology in America is often traced to the urban research program established at the University of Chicago by Robert E. Park. But the work of W.E.B. DuBois came earlier, particularly, *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study*. This seminal work was followed by *The Ghetto*, *The Gold Coast and the Slum*, *The Jackroller*, *Hotel Life*, *Black Metropolis*, *Street Corner Society*, and many other sociological classics associated with the “Chicago School.” The sociologists who produced these works engaged in ethnographic fieldwork and participant-observation to develop sociological and cultural knowledge intended to serve as a basis for social reform. These scholars left a rich sociological legacy that bears fruit to this day.

Lunch Served - All Welcome

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