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# Workshop in Urban Ethnography

*The Ethnographic Interpretation of Urban Life and Culture*

Monday, November 4, 11:30am-1:20pm

210 Prospect Street, Room 203



**William Kornblum**

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**Longitudinal Ethnography:  
Forty Years of Observation  
in Midtown Manhattan**

Beginning in the 1970s, Kornblum and colleagues, including Terry Williams, Vernon Boggs, Claire Sterk, Bob McNamara, and others have conducted ethnographic research in Times Square, Bryant Park, Central Park, and the neighborhood surrounding Grand Central Station. This research has involved active participation with numerous organizations and with Midtown actors who have been centrally involved with creating new forms of politics and management and “restored” urban landscapes. For about twenty of those years, for example, Kornblum has been the Board Chair of the city’s largest homeless drop-in service center, has conducted all the major use surveys of Central Park, and has served as an advisor to numerous political and business leaders in the Midtown area. As he works to organize these research experiences into a new book, this talk offers the opportunity to reflect on lessons for urban sociology from such a longitudinal and ethnographic view of a great urban CBD.

*Lunch Served - All Welcome*

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