



## Prof. Andrew Abbott

### An Introduction to the Chicago School

Andrew Abbott is the Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Sociology and the College at the University of Chicago. Abbott took his BA (in history and literature) at Harvard in 1970 and his PhD (in sociology) from the University of Chicago in 1982. Prior to his return to Chicago in 1991, he taught for thirteen years at Rutgers University.

Known for his ecological theories of occupations, Abbott also pioneered algorithmic analysis of social sequence data. He has written on the foundations of social science methodology and on the evolution of the social sciences and the academic system. He is the author of five books and seventy articles and chapters. His books include *The System of Professions*, *Department and Discipline*, *Chaos of Disciplines*, *Time Matters*, and *Methods of Discovery*. He has just finished the MS of a textbook for library research and is completing a book on the future of knowledge. Abbott is also currently working on a general work of social theory entitled *The Social Process*.

An active teacher, Abbott has served on or chaired 90 dissertation committees, and his students teach at universities and colleges throughout the United States. He served from 1993 to 1996 as Master of Chicago's Social Science Collegiate Division and was Chair of the Department of Sociology from 1999-2002. He has also chaired the University's Library Board and the task force planning the future of the University's libraries. Abbott edited *Work and Occupations* from 1991 to 1994 and has edited the *American Journal of Sociology* since 2000. He was President of the Social Science History Association in 2002/3. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Abbott received in 2011 the degree of *Docteur Honoris Causa* from the Universite de Versailles.

**Dr. Abbott speaks on “Abundance” for the Hollingshead Lecture on Tues. 2/28/12, 4PM-5:30PM,  
Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall & Memorabilia Rm, 128 Wall St. Entrance.  
Open to the Public.**

Monday, February 27, 2012; 11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

**210 Prospect Street, Room 203**

**Workshop in Urban Ethnography**