

# Workshop in Urban Ethnography

Fall 2012

## Gerald D. Suttles

*Backing into Ethnography: How I Came To Do Field Work*



Gerry Suttles grew up in a remote area of the southern Appalachians. After 4 years in the navy during the Korean War he attended Reed College where he was able to spend three Christmas vacations in the Tehachapi State Prison, studying prison argot. He did his graduate studies at Illinois University where he was able to do a study of the National School for Boys (another prison). He then spent three years studying juvenile gangs in Chicago, before taking a position in the Department of Sociology at Michigan University. Two years later he joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago where he concluded most of his research and trained many students, many of whom are better known than him.

**Monday, September 24th, 2012, 11:30am-1:20pm**

210 Prospect St, Room 203