In this talk, the presenters discuss ongoing research into the published work and archival materials of radical geographer (and former Wayne State faculty member) William Bunge. While in mainstream geography Bunge is perhaps best remembered for his influential monograph *Theoretical Geography* (1962), in the late 60s and 70s he began a series of projects that quantitatively mapped a wide variety of social, economic, and ethical relationships between people and events in the city of Detroit and surrounding environments. In addition to forming the Detroit Geographical Expedition and the Society for Human Exploration, collectives that undertook a number of novel experiments in community education and collaboration, Bunge also produced the recently reissued study *Fitzgerald: Geography of a Revolution*, an extensive historical and geographical survey of a single square mile of Northwest Detroit. The speakers will discuss Bunge’s legacy with a particular focus on how his work might be productive in thinking through the ethics and politics of technical communication and the visualization of quantitative information today. They will also report on a number of student projects they have developed in Wayne State undergraduate technical communication courses that take their inspiration from Bunge’s research.

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(Pictured left: One of Bunge's maps from the *Fitzgerald* project)