Americanization” and Robert Merlin. Soon convinced from Meyer R. Schkolnick to changed his name at the age of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. gas lamps at home—and enjoy- provided better lighting than the ton was often found reading in opportunities. As a child, Mer- ry sociology,” said Cole. sociology in America.

Robert K. Merton is a model teacher and mentor, a trusted friend, and a close friend. His death, in many ways, puts a period to the end of 20th Cen- tury sociology, he would have (Continued from Page 1)

Bollinger especially will reach. Bollinger especially will feel connected to the historic around the world to help alumni reserved by Columbia's Trustees for emeritus faculty that “render special service to the University,” Columbia established the Robert K. Merton Professorship in the Social Sciences in 1990. For his vast body of work and its influence, Merton became the first sociologist to receive the National Medal of Science, the nation’s highest scientific honor. On being informed that he would receive the Medal of Science in a 1994 ceremony to be hosted by then-President Bill Clinton, Merton said, “I am deeply moved by this matchless honor, the more so for the peer recognition it gives the sociolo- gy of science.”

The author, co-author and editor of more than 20 books and 200 scholarly articles, Merton is probably best known for his work, Social Theory and Social Structure, which has had more than 30 printings and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. Among his other seminal works are, The Sociology of Science: Theoreti- cal and Empirical Investigations and On the Shoulders of Giants: A Shandean Postscript.

Merton is survived by his wife, sociologist Harriet Zuck- erman; one son, Robert C. Mer- ton; two daughters, Stephanie Tombrillo and Vanessa Morton; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A memori- al service will be held on Columbia’s Morningside cam- pus this Spring.

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