Melville's His World and Work
By Andrew Delbanco
(Knopf, September 2005)
After more than a century and a half, Herman Melville's Ahab and the White Whale remain resound-
ing literary symbols. American studies specialist Andrew Delbanco delivers a work that shows why Melville, more than any other American writer, has captured the imaginative, social and political concerns of successive generations. The book is both a commanding biography of the American literary giant and a riveting portrait of America as a young nation.

Hailed by Time magazine as "America's best social critic," Delbanco is the Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities at Columbia. Editore's note: See also the faculty perspective by Andrew Delbanco, on page 6.

Shaping Race Policy: The United States in Comparative Perspective
By Jennifer C. Lieberman
(Princeton University Press, July 2005)
One of the most serious policy challenges facing the United States today is the persistence of racial inequality in the post-civil rights era. Unlike other books on this topic, Shaping Race Policy is comparative, examining American developments alongside parallel histories of race policy in Great Britain and France.

Focusing on two key areas—welfare and employment—Columbia political scientist Robert Lieberman asks why America has had such uneven success at incorporating African Americans and other minorities into the full benefits of citizenship.

Lieberman, an associate professor of political science and public policy in Great Britain and France.

The Structure and Dynamics of Networks
Mark Newman, Albert-Laszlo Barabasi and Duncan J. Watts (editors)
(Princeton University Press, February 2006)
From the Internet to networks of friendship, disease transmission, and even terrorism, the concept of net-

works has come to pervade modern society. But what exactly is a network? Why are they interesting, and what can they tell us?

In recent years, scientists from a range of fields—including mathematics, physics, computer science, sociology and biology—have been pursuing these questions and building a new "science of networks."

This book, coedited by Columbia sociologist Duncan J. Watts, brings together for the first time a set of seminal articles representing research from across these disciplines. Watts is also the author of Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age.

Global Institutions and Responsibilities: Achieving Global Justice
Christian Barry and Thomas Pagge (editors)
(Blackwell Publishing Professional, January 2006)
How can we turn 'global justice' from aspiration to reality? This collection of original articles by political philosophers, legal theorists and econo-

mists identifies a series of feasible and morally plausible reforms to global insti-
tutional arrangements and international organizations. It integrates thinking about normative responsibility with discussion of practical dilem-
masses faced by such organizations as the World Trade Organization.

The volume is coedited by Thomas Pagge, a professor of philoso-

phy at Columbia, and Christian Barry, editor of the journal Ethics & International Affairs and a Columbia Ph.D.

Competition Demystified: A Radically Simplified Approach to Business Strategy
By Bruce Greenwald and Judd Kahn
(Portfolio Hardcover, August 2005)
Over the last two decades, the conventional way of teaching business strategy has become frustratingly complex. As the title suggests, Competition Demystified cuts through the fog to present an easy-to-fol-

low method for understanding the competitive structure of particular industries and developing an appropriate strategy. Based on co-author Bruce Greenwald's hugely popular course at Columbia Business School, the book will also change the way strategy is taught for years to come.

Greenwald is the Robert Heilbrun Professor of Economics at Columbia. He and Judd Kahn have also coauthored the bestselling Value Investing.

Managing Global Accounts: Nine Critical Factors for a World-Class Program
By Noël Capon, Dave Potter and Fred Schindler
(South-Western Educational Pub, December 2005)
Increasingly, executives are realizing that their company's future relies heavily upon their success with global customers who have very different needs from their domestic counterparts. In this cutting-edge book, three global account authorities—including Noël Capon, the R.C. Kopf Professor of International Business and Chair of Marketing and Management division at Columbia's Graduate School of Business—detail nine critical success factors for designing and executing a world-class global account management program. Capon is also author of the highly acclaimed Key Account Management and Planning.