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Curtis Rodgers, dean of admissions at the School of General Studies, on the trend for young professionals to use graduate school for launching careers: “There are many students today who are interested in the finance, technology and law to an intense field like medicine. There are also a growing number of liberal arts professionals like dancers and actors who come back to education to take up careers in teaching, economics, business [such students] have a wider skill set and end up becoming much more compelling and sophisticated workers.” (Wall Street Journal, March ‘06)

Xavier Sala-i-Martin, professor of economics, on French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin’s campaign to protect French industry: “There’s a neo-nationalism that they don’t even believe in their own project. They say they want to spur education, technical and goods, but when it doesn’t go well, they resort to it.” (Newseum International, 15 March ‘06)

NY1 News report on the Columbia-led study of babies born in the moment of living near the World Trade Center who were preg- nant: “Columbia’s Center for Children’s Environmental Health is following 500 non-smok- ing women who lived within two miles of the ruin, 250 of whom were pregnant when the attacks happened. The study says births from mothers to these women were smaller and had lower birth weights than babies born farther away. [At least half had] significant levels of toxins that are known to increase their risk of cancer.” (Babies Born Near WTC; Site Feel Effects of Terror Attacks, 12 March ‘06)