

Wed, 23 Mar 2011 00:07:08 -0400 письмо от Harriet Zuckerman <HZ@Mellon.org>:

My dear Editor,

It has just come to my attention that you have recently published a special issue of the journal, The Sociology of Science and Technology in honor of the 100th anniversary of Robert Merton's birth. Professor Merton was my husband, my teacher, my research partner and often my co-author. I am, of course, absolutely delighted to learn of this new honor you have conferred on him. Would it be at all possible for you to send me a copy of the journal (I would be pleased to cover the costs of the copy and of the mailing)? It would be a splendid addition to the extensive archive of his papers, letters, and books now residing in the Special Collections Library at Columbia University.

I note in the table of contents which was sent to me that two sociologists I met many years ago, Igor S. Kon and Dmitiri Shalin have contributed papers to the issue. Would you be kind enough to extend my thanks to them for their contributions and my very best greetings. I also note in the table of contents that there was a special round table held in Moscow honoring my husband's work as well as another discussion on Mertonian issues at the International Sociological Association. If any of these papers from these sessions are available, most particularly in English (to my regret, I have no Russian), I would greatly appreciate having copies of them.

You may be interested to learn that Robert Merton's work continues to resonate around the world. A recent volume, entitled: Robert K. Merton Sociology of Science and Sociology as Science was published under the editorship of Craig Calhoun (Columbia University Press) and another volume, Robert K. Merton: Concepts and the Social Order, edited by Yehuda Elkana (Central European University Press, Budapest), is to appear shortly. A special issue of the Berliner J. Soziologie , dedicated to Robert Merton's work, was also just published. I had the pleasure of contributing a paper on "Sociological Semantics" (my husband's long term interest in the sociological analysis of language) to the first. I hope you will alert the author of the paper on the Matthew Effect that the second and third volumes include another paper I wrote on the Matthew Effect and its diffusion through the scholarly literature and public press.

It gives me enormous satisfaction and happiness to learn that you and your fellow sociologists find my husband's work stimulating and worthy of careful study. I know he would have been so pleased that his Russian colleagues remain interested in his work.

Sincerely

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