

ROBERT K. MERTON

Current Positions University Professor Emeritus, Columbia University
Adjunct Faculty, The Rockefeller University
Foundation Scholar Emeritus, Russell Sage Foundation

Born: July 4th, 1910, Philadelphia, PA
Education: Temple University, A.B. 1931
Harvard University, M.A. 1932; Ph.D. 1936

Academic Appointments

1933-36 Research & Teaching Assistant, Harvard University
1936-39 Tutor & Instructor, Harvard University
1939-41 Associate Professor; Professor & Chairman,
Department of Sociology, Tulane University
Columbia University
1941-62 Assistant Professor to Professor of Sociology
1942-71 Associate Director, Bureau of Applied Social Research
1963-74 Giddings Professor of Sociology
1974-79 University Professor
1979-84 Special Service Professor
1979- University Professor Emeritus
1979- Adjunct Faculty, The Rockefeller University
1979-99 Resident Scholar; Foundation Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
1986-87 George Sarton Professor of the History of Science,
University of Ghent (Belgium)

Honorary Degrees

1956	LL.D.	Temple University
1965	L.H.D.	Emory University
1965	Dr. honoris causa	University of Leyden
1966	LL.D.	Western Reserve University
1967	Litt.D.	Colgate University
1968	D.Sc.Soc.	Yale University
1968	D.Sc.Econ.	University of Wales
1968	LL.D.	University of Chicago
1970	L.H.D.	Loyola University (Chicago)
1970	L.H.D.	Kalamazoo College
1971	LL.D.	Tulane University
1977	L.H.D.	Cleveland State University
1979	L.H.D.	University of Pennsylvania
1980	LL.D.	Harvard University
1980	Ph.D. (hon.)	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1982	LL.D.	University of Maryland
1983	L.H.D.	Brandeis University
1984	Litt.D.	Board of Regents, State University of New York
1985	Litt.D.	Columbia University
1986	Litt.D.	State University of New York at Albany
1986	Litt.D.	Oxford University
1989	Dr. honoris causa	Jagiellonian University (Kraków)
1991	Dr. honoris causa	University of Oslo
1995	L.H.D.	New School for Social Research
1996	D.Sc. Pol.	Università di Bologna
1996	L.H.D.	University of Long Island
1999	Dr. honoris causa	University of Madrid
1999	Dr. honoris causa	University of Athens
2001	Dr. honoris causa	University of Rome

Honorary Societies and Awards

1950	American Academy of Arts and Sciences
1959	American Philosophical Society
1962	World Academy of Art and Science
1962	Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in the Humanities, American Council of Learned Societies
1962	Guggenheim Fellow
1964	National Institutes of Health Lectureship in Recognition of Outstanding Scientific Achievement
1965	National Academy of Education
1968	National Academy of Sciences
1973	Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
1973	Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science
1976	Foreign Member, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
1976	Merit Award, Eastern Sociological Society
1977	Phi Beta Kappa, Temple University
1979	Talcott Parsons Prize for Social Science, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
1979	Common Wealth Award for Distinguished Scholarship, American Sociological Association
1981	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Award for Outstanding Support of Biomedical Science
1982	John Desmond Bernal Award for Outstanding Scholarly Contributions, Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
1983-88	MacArthur Prize Fellow
1984	First <i>Who's Who in America</i> Achievement Award in the Social Sciences and Social Policy
1986	George Sarton Medal in the History of Science, University of Ghent (Belgium)
1987	R.K. Merton Prize in Sociology, Temple University
1990	R.K. Merton Professorship in the Social Sciences, Columbia University
1991	R.K. Merton Prize for Research in the Sociology of Science and Technology, American Sociological Association
1992	Foreign Member, Academia Europaea
1994	National Medal of Science
1994	Corresponding Member, British Academy
1995	Derek de Solla Price Medal in Scientometrics
1996	Sutherland Award, American Society of Criminology
1997	Cooley-Mead Award in Social Psychology, American Sociological Association
1997	Foreign Member, Polish Academy of Sciences
1997	Honorary Life Member, New York Academy of Sciences
2000	Dinerman Award, World Association of Public Opinion Research
2002	Honorary Member, European Academy of Sociology

Selected Lectureships

1946	Bicentennial Lecturer on Engineering and Human Affairs, Princeton University
1960	Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer, Tufts University
1960	Haynes Foundation Lecturer, Claremont Graduate School
1961	Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer, Radcliffe College
1961	Francis Bacon Lecturer, American Philosophical Society and the University of Pennsylvania
1962	Daniel Coit Gilman Lecturer, School of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University
1962	Distinguished University Lecturer, Baylor University
1962	Distinguished University Lecturer, University of California at Los Angeles
1963	Beatty and Amy F. Williams Lecturer, Oberlin College
1966	President's Lecturer, Rice University
1966-67	Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
1967	Fulbright Lecturer, University of Kyoto
1968	Phi Beta Kappa-Sigma Xi Lecturer, American Association for the Advancement of Science
1972	University Lecturer, Columbia University
1975	Geary Lecturer, Economic & Social Research Institute, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

1975	William S. Paley Lecturer, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical School
1975	Neal deNood Memorial Lecturer, Smith College
1976	Trumbull Lecturer, Yale University
1976	Karl Compton Lecturer, Washington University
1980	Distinguished Scholar Lecturer, American Sociological Association
1981	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center Lecturer
1982	Distinguished Lecturer, Brown University
1985	Jack Schultz Memorial Lecturer, Fox Chase Cancer Center
1986	Dean's Distinguished Lecturer in the Humanities, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University
1986	Inaugural Lecture, George Sarton Leerstoel, University of Ghent
1989	Max-Planck-Gesellschaft Lecture, Schloss Ringberg
1991	Inaugural Vilhelm Aubert Memorial Lecture, University of Oslo
1994	Charles Homer Haskins Lecture, American Council of Learned Societies
1996	Sutherland Lecture, American Society of Criminology

Trusteeships

1953-75	Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
1964-67	John Marshall Foundation
1964-68	Temple University
1968-	Institute for Scientific Information
1969-71	American Nurses Foundation

Board of Editors (past & present)

Isis: International Review of the History of Science American Sociological Review

Sociological Abstracts

Social and Economic Studies

Social Problems

Human Relations

Journal of Health & Human Behavior

Inquiry (Norway)

The Natural Philosopher

Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences

Health Policy

Transaction: Social Science & Modern Society

Estudios de Sociologia

Journal of Applied Behavioral Science

International Journal of Contemporary Sociology

Sociological Focus

Theory & Society

Journal of Medicine and Philosophy

Biosciences Communications

Biopsychosocial Health

Cuenta y Razon

Ciencia de la Ciencia

Science in Context

Society

Editorial Council, *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*

Consulting Editor on Sociology, *World Book Encyclopedia*

Consulting Editor on Sociology, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

Editorial Advisory Board, *Current Contents: Social & Behavioral Sciences*

Editorial Advisory Board, *Current Contents: Arts & Humanities*

Editorial Advisor, *Sociometrics*

Panel of Consultants, *Dictionary of Scientific Biography*

Editorial Consultant, *The Scientist*

Advisory Board, *Britannica International Encyclopedia*

Advisory Board, *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*

Boards, Commissions and Committees

- 1947-50 National Research Council, Joint Fellowship Board in Natural and Social Sciences
1947-50 International Commission on the History and Social Relations of Science
1957-60 Social Science Research Council, Committee on the History and Sociology of Science
1958-61 New York City, Mayor's Council on Health Research
1959-64 University of Chicago School of Law, Research Advisory Board on the Behavioral Sciences
1961 Member, First Official Delegation of Behavioral Scientists to USSR Academy of Sciences
1963-64 National Research Council, Behavioral Science Division
1963-65 New York State, Governor's Panel of Advisors on Medical Education
1963-66 U.S. Surgeon-General's Consultant Group on Nursing Education
1963-68 Columbia University School of Law, Advisory Board on Social Research
1965-71 Harvard University Advisory Board, Program on Technology and Society
1965-74 International Sociological Association, Chairman, Research Committee on the Sociology of Science
1965-15 American Institute of Physics, Committee on the History and Philosophy of Physics
1966-70 Carnegie Study of the Education of Educators, Advisory Commission
1967-69 National Commission for the Study of Nursing & Nursing Education, Vice-President
1968-70 French-Polyclinic Hospital, Advisory Council
1968-70 Social Science Research Council, Chairman, Committee on the Social Organization of Science
1968-71 American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Chairman, Social Science Prize Committee
1968-72 Salk Institute, Council for Biology in Human Affairs
1969-71 National Research Council, Committee on the Utilization of Young Scientists in Advisory Services to Government
1969-71 National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Review of the National Research Council
1969-73 National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Science and Public Policy (COSPUP)
1970-72 American Academy of Arts & Sciences-American Institute of Physics, Joint Committee on History of Contemporary Physics
1970-75 American Institute of Physics, Advisory Committee, Center for the History of Physics
1971- Federation of American Scientists, Sponsor
1971-73 National Academy of Sciences, Temporary Nomination Group for the Social & Behavioral Sciences (Class V)
1971-73 Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, Committee on Ethics and Values in the Health Sciences
1971-75 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Advisory Council to the Program on Science, Technology & Society
1972-74 American Association for the Advancement of Science, Chairman, Section on Social and Economic Sciences
1972- Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, Sponsor
1974-77 U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commission of the Social Sciences & Humanities, International Research & Exchange Board
1974-76 National Research Council, Executive Committee, Assembly of Behavioral and Social Sciences
1974-76 Social Science Research Council, Committee on Science Indicators
1974-77 Center for Independent Studies, Committee on Selection of Fellows and Program Development
1974-78 National Academy of Sciences, Committee for Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Academy Study of Fundamental Science Policy
1975-78 National Academy of Sciences, Chairman, Social & Political Sciences Section
1976-80 Committee for an Effective UNESCO, Executive Committee
1977- National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Human Rights
1978-86 Barnard College, Advisory Board, Health & Society Program
1979-88 Social Science Research Council, Commission on Monographs of the 1980 Census
1983-91 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Advisory Committee, Program of Science Books
1995-99 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Advisory Committee, Sloan Technology Series Book Committee

Columbia University: Advisory Boards

1975-77	Clinical Scholars Program
1975-85	Society of Teaching Fellows
1976-90	Center for the Social Sciences, Co-chairman
1976-90	Trilling Seminars, Program Committee
1977-80	Values & Ethics in Health Care
1982	Office of Oral History
1983-91	Policy Committee on Science & Technology

Scholarly & Professional Associations

American Sociological Association (President, 1957)
Sociological Research Association (President, 1968)
Eastern Sociological Society (President, 1969)
International Sociological Association (Executive Council, 1971-73)
Authors Guild Council (1974-78)
Society for Social Studies of Science (Founding President, 1975-76)
History of Science Society
History of Technology Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of University Professors
Tocqueville Society