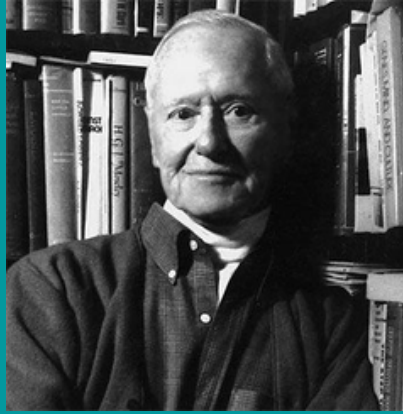


**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY NETWORK @TU  
PRESENTS**

**A DISCUSSION OF OUR  
FAVORITE WORKS BY  
ROBERT K. MERTON**



**Panelists**

**Tom Waidzunas**, Associate Professor (Sociology)

**Meghnaa Tallapragada**, Assistant Professor (Advertising and Public Relations)

**Bruce Hardy**, Associate Professor (Communication and Social Influence)

**David Elesh**, Emeritus (Sociology)

**Monday, January 24**

**12:15pm to 1:45pm**

This is a hybrid event

In person: **Charles Library 364**

Online: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/92510796770>



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# ABOUT THIS SESSION

Robert K. Merton, a Philadelphia native and Temple University alumnus, is one of the founders of modern sociology. His work is as important and relevant today as it was when first published. Not only does Merton's work have a lasting impact on sociology, but it also informs current research and scholarship in other related fields, such as communication and science and technology studies. The genesis for this session came out of a casual, but lively and fun, discussion that a group of the steering committee members for the STS Network at Temple had about their favorite Merton works. Joining STS Network members, Drs. Hardy, Tallapragada, and Waidzunus, is Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Dr. Elesh who knew Robert Merton as a student, mentee, and friend. The panelists will discuss their favorite Merton works and the continued relevance that these works hold for contemporary thinking, research, and scholarship.

## SELECTED READINGS

- RK Merton. 1938. *Science, Technology, and Society in Seventeenth Century England*
- RK Merton. 1942. *The Normative Structure of Science*
- P Lazarsfeld, RK Merton. 1948. *Mass Communication, Popular Taste, and Organized Social Action*
- RK Merton. 1957. *The Role-Set: Problems in Sociological Theory*

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