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INTRODUCTION

On August 15, 1996, on the occasion of the retirement of Terence K. Hopkins, his former students at Binghamton and Columbia conducted a day-long colloquium in his honor. The Colloquium was organized by Reşat Kasaba, William G. Martin, and Beverly Silver. They gave it the title, “Mentoring, Methods, and Movements,” because they believed these were the three interconnected themes that summed up Hopkins’s commitments, achievements, and legacy. As befit a ceremony in honor of Terence Hopkins, it was an occasion of vigorous intellectual debate, much love, and considerable festivity. Terence Hopkins died unexpectedly and prematurely on January 3, 1997.

This collection of slightly revised essays are offered to the readers because the authors feel very strongly that the messages he conveyed about mentoring, methods, and movements are crucial for the advancement of world social science. They were conveyed by Terence Hopkins in a very special way which only those who worked with him can know, but the messages are clear nonetheless and are very practical for those who wish to participate in the enlarged vision Hopkins had of the possibilities of social science.

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