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#### PREFACE TO THE HANDBOOK

When the idea for a compendium on economic demography was conceived, we had to persuade ourselves that there was a sufficient body of economics literature on population and the family to support a Handbook; that the compendium could be sensibly divided into main areas and well-defined chapter topics; that there was a group of scholars able and willing to take critical stock of each area in a coordinated enterprise; and that there was a reasonable likelihood that those assigned to write chapters would deliver drafts within a finite time. We believe that the resulting product - the Handbook of Population and Family Economics - shows that our original affirmative assessments of at least the first three of these ex ante conditions were correct, although we had not anticipated that our comprehension of many demographic events such as mismarriage, miscarriage, and overdue births would also be enriched by this experience. We are indebted to the Handbook chapter authors who were waiting (while updating) long and patiently for their fellow authors to complete the write-ups of their drafts. Our pinched nerves notwithstanding, we also thank the late-coming authors for finally heeding our pleas and noncredible threats, so that by the Spring of 1996, completed drafts of all the chapters were in hand.

At the outset it seemed to us that the task of providing a comprehensive reference source divided into survey chapters that summarize frontier areas of research, elucidate new theoretical developments, and review the existing evidence, would be made considerably easier if we could bring together the authors of the Handbook chapters at the stage at which detailed chapter outlines were in hand. Such a meeting would acquaint all authors with each other's planned work, assist in filling gaps, help achieve appropriate coverage, identify interconnections, and limit unwarranted duplications. We are indebted to the Ford Foundation and its Reproductive Health and Population Division for providing us, through a grant to Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, with financial support for our authors' conference. We believe that the conference was highly conducive to transforming the Handbook into a product more valuable than the sum of its parts. We are also grateful to Ann Facciola, Janet Conway, and Claudia Napolilli for competent assistance in coordinating the conference and subsequent author and editor communications. We will know that our efforts and theirs were worthwhile if the Handbook of Population and Family Economics contributes to increasing the population of economists involved in research on population and the family, and if the family of social science disciplines more readily adopts the thinking of economists on population and family issues.

> MARK R. ROSENZWEIG ODED STARK

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