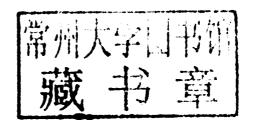
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To Elie and Rima K.D.

To my parents, Albert and Shirley s.w.

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Preface

In this book we investigate the empirical relationship between internal migration and public policy in Canada. Each of us has pursued this challenging issue, on and off, for more than two decades, and for one of us, it has been more than three since the study of policy-induced migration began. Our collaboration goes back to 1994 when we undertook a review of the literature for the Ontario Fair Tax Commission. The basic work for the present study was undertaken at Statistics Canada over about a fouryear period beginning with our initial proposals for research and ending in 2001 after our results were cleared for publication by Statistics Canada. We completed a long technical report on our work in 2002, and then published a short journal article, which for various reasons appeared in print only in 2006. We sought support for publication of the full study, undergoing the associated reviewing, and once that lengthy process had been successfully completed, we undertook the substantial revisions that are required to turn the technical report into a book. All of this has taken time, and so we are pleased to finally be able to present our work here along with our assessment of the state of the Canadian literature on policy-induced migration.

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that Stanley Winer and Denis Gauthier completed in 1983 for the Economic Council of Canada, the first study in Canada to use migration data derived from tax files. It was our good fortune that he retired from the Public Service just before we began the present work and that our paths crossed at the right time. Processing the tax tapes to derive the migration data we use for our empirical work is a huge, difficult, and time-consuming enterprise, one that for obvious reasons of confidentiality must be done only at Statistics Canada under its careful oversight. We could not have completed the task without Manohar's expertise. The task was actually enormous for all concerned, and when we reflect on this project now, we are at times amazed that we decided to undertake it.

The book before you is a substantially revised version of Human Resources Development Canada Technical Report W-01-3E, which was made available by them on the web in 2002, and on Stanley Winer's website at www. carleton.ca/~winers. Selected results from the full study appeared in *International Tax and Public Finance* 13 (2006), 535–64, under the title "Policy-Induced Internal Migration: An Empirical Investigation of the Canadian Case." We are grateful to editors Michael Devereux and John Wilson for their helpful comments and editorial assistance.

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