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Robert J. Gordon did his undergraduate work at Harvard and then attended Oxford University in England on a Marshall Scholarship. He received his Ph.D. in 1967 at M.I.T. and taught at Harvard and the University of Chicago before coming to Northwestern in 1973, where he has taught for more than 30 years and was chair of the Department of Economics from 1992 to 1996.

Professor Gordon is one of the world's leading experts on inflation, unemployment, and productivity growth. His recent work on the rise and fall of the New Economy, the U. S. productivity growth revival, the recent stalling of European productivity growth, and the widening of U. S. income inequality, have been widely cited. He is the author of *The Measurement of Durable Goods Prices*, which has become known as the definitive work showing that government price indexes substantially overstate the rate of inflation. His book of collected essays, *Productivity Growth, Inflation, and Unemployment*, was published in 2004. He is editor of *Milton Friedman's Monetary Framework: A Debate with His Critics*, *The American Business Cycle*, and *The Economics of New Goods*. In addition he is the author of more than 100 scholarly articles and more than 60 published comments on the research of others. In addition to his main field of macroeconomics, he is also a frequently quoted expert and author on the airline industry, and is the founder and president of an internet chat group on airline management.

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