

## *TWO-PAGE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH*

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### **Education, Honors, and Grants:**

B.A., Harvard University, 1962; Magna Cum Laude in Economics; Phi Beta Kappa; Allyn Young Prize.

A.B., Oxford University, 1964; A.M., Oxford University, 1969; First Class Honours in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Marshall Fellowship; George Webb Medley Senior Prize.

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1967; National Science Foundation Fellowship; Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship.

Recipient, NSF Research Grant, 1971-2004; Guggenheim Fellowship, 1980-81; Sloan Foundation Officers Grant, 1983-84; German Marshall Fund Fellowship, 1986.

Fellow, Econometric Society, elected 1977; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 1997.

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### **Current Positions:**

1987- : Stanley G. Harris Professor in the Social Sciences, Northwestern University.

1973- : Professor of Economics, Northwestern University (Department Chair, 9/92 to 8/96).

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### **Selected Other Current Activity:**

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (member of research programs on Economic Fluctuations, International Economics, Productivity; member Business Cycle Dating Committee).

Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research, London; Research Fellow, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Economiques (OFCE, Paris).

Senior Advisor: Brookings Panel on Economic Activity; member of Economic Advisory Panel, Congressional Budget Office; member of Economic Advisory Panel, Bureau of Economic Analysis, member of Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods, Social Security Advisory Board, 2003 and 2006-07.

## Books

*Productivity Growth, Inflation, and Unemployment: The Collected Essays of Robert J. Gordon, with a foreword by Robert M. Solow.* Cambridge University Press, 2004 (contains three previously unpublished essays).

*Macroeconomics*, tenth edition. Addison-Wesley, 2006.

*The Measurement of Durable Goods Prices.* University of Chicago Press for National Bureau of Economic Research, 1990.

*The Economics of New Goods* (ed. with Timothy Bresnahan). University of Chicago Press for National Bureau of Economic Research, 1997.

*The American Business Cycle: Continuity and Change* (ed.). University of Chicago Press for National Bureau of Economic Research, 1986. Paperback edition 1990.

## Selected Publications on Productivity and Price Measurement

"Where Did the Productivity Growth Go: Inflation Dynamics and the Distribution of Income," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2005, vol. 36, no. 2, pp. 67-127.

"Exploding Productivity Growth: Context, Causes, and Implications," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2003, vol. 34, no. 2, pp. 207-98.

"Does the New Economy Measure Up to the Great Inventions of the Past?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 14, no. 4 (Fall 2000), pp. 49-74.

"Interpreting the 'One Big Wave' in U. S. Long-term Productivity Growth," in Bart van Ark, Simon Kuipers, and Gerard Kuper, eds., *Productivity, Technology, and Economic Growth*. (Boston: Kluwer Publishers, 2000), pp. 19-65.

"The Estimation of Prewar GNP: Methodology and New Results," *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 97 (February 1989), pp. 38-92 (with Nathan S. Balke).

## Selected Publications in Macroeconomics

"The Aftermath of the 1992 ERM Breakup: Was There a Macroeconomic Free Lunch?" in Paul Krugman, Ed., *Currency Crises* (University of Chicago Press for NBER, 2000), pp. 241-82.

"Foundations of the Goldilocks Economy: Supply Shocks and the Time-Varying NAIRU," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, vol. 29, (1998, no. 2), pp. 297-333.

"The Time-Varying NAIRU and its Implications for Economic Policy," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 11 (Winter 1997), pp. 11-32.

"What Is New-Keynesian Economics?" *Journal of Economic Literature*, vol. 28 (September, 1990), pp. 1115-71.

"Price Inertia and Policy Ineffectiveness in the United States, 1890-1980," *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 90 (December 1982), pp. 1087-1117.