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IN MEMORIAM Alan B. Krueger

Our good friend and colleague Alan Krueger passed away on March 16, 2019. Before his death, he coauthored the article in this volume on alternative staffing arrangements with Professor Lawrence Katz of Harvard.

Alan was the James Madison Professor of Political Economy at Princeton University. An outstanding labor economist, he made innovative contributions to the empirical literature on many topics, including the effects of minimum wages, the importance of financial resources in generating schooling outcomes, the relationship between economic growth and the environment, the causes of declining employment among less-educated workers, and many more.

Alan also was a distinguished public servant. He served in three federal leadership positions: chief economist of the Department of Labor in the Clinton administration, and after that assistant secretary for economic policy in the Treasury Department and chair of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama administration. He cared deeply about the real-life circumstances of American workers, and these concerns drove both his research and his policy activities.

We both had the pleasure of coauthoring papers with Alan earlier in our careers, and always found him to be a hardworking, conscientious, and pleasant research partner.

For all of these reasons, he will be sorely missed.

We dedicate this volume to his memory.

-Erica L. Groshen and Harry J. Holzer