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# Foreword

Projects with multiple authors scattered across the country are often arduous and unfulfilling. To the contrary, this project was neither.

There is a reason we engaged in this effort; we wanted to put together, into one volume, the best work being conducted by the highest-quality scholars addressing race and ethnicity issues facing the citizens of the United States. The opportunity for our two institutions to collaborate with experts in the area of race and ethnic relations to produce this book was one we could not pass on; the results proved to be rewarding.

The exemplary work of the twenty-five scholars and writers that constitute *Beyond the Color Line* has made this volume comprehensive and influential. We thank each of them for their time, patience, and outstanding scholarship. In addition, we are especially grateful to the editors, Abigail and Stephan Thernstrom, for their dedication in undertaking and completing this project.

Based on accumulated knowledge, intellectual rigor, reasoned argument, and sound principles, the Hoover Institution and the Manhattan

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