

## Preface and acknowledgements

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This book, a comparison of welfare for the unemployed and its effects on individuals, is based on my doctoral thesis, submitted to Oxford University in early 2001. The analyses in it run until the mid-1990s, and to a large extent I have neither updated the empirical analyses nor added developments in the literature since then, as doing one would have required the other, and doing both would have resulted in a different book.

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