## **PREFACE**

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This volume of NOMOS—the 58th in the series—emerged from papers and commentaries given at the annual meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy in Washington, DC on August 28–29, 2014, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Our topic, "Wealth," was selected by the Society's membership.

The conference consisted of three panels: (1) "Do the Rich Deserve Their Wealth?"; (2) "Wealth, Opportunity, and Equal Citizenship: Reconstructing the Distributive Constitution"; and (3) "Wealth Defense." The volume includes revised versions of the principal papers delivered at that conference by Ingrid Robeyns; Joseph Fishkin and William E. Forbath; and Jeffrey A. Winters. It also includes essays that developed out of the original commentaries on those papers by Mariah Zeisberg, Nicole Hassoun, David Lyons, and Jedediah Purdy. After the conference we asked Miranda Perry Fleischer to contribute an additional paper to the volume. We are grateful to all of these authors for their insightful contributions.

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