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Chuck [Wright] passed away on 19 August 2014 as we were finishing this book. Just before he died, he gave a presentation at an Academy of Management that we attended. In answer to a question on the floor about what advice he would offer to young management scholars, Chuck said, "You just have to work hard. Read and read the literature. It takes a long time. It's hard work. We would like to dedicate *A New History of Management* to him."

Chuck was critical. Some would say an iconoclast. But he was for the best management history, he was for it. He just thought management history should be done with more curiosity and more skepticism, as was often the case, and is especially the case with the way history is presented in management textbooks. And it is these textbooks, seminars, the only place that most managers and students ever encounter a history of our field, which we take as our starting point in this book.

*A New History of Management* is inspired by Chuck's spirit, but also by those pioneering management historians. We are critical of the "received history" of the past (to paraphrase William Flood) that have been built on a set of unquestioned and inevitable certainties that now