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Preface

The essays collected here are presented to Jaegwon Kim in recognition, and appreciation, of the enormous contributions he has made over the course of a long and distinguished career. Kim graduated from Dartmouth College in 1958 and received his PhD from Princeton University in 1962. He held teaching positions at Swarthmore College (1961–3), Brown University (1963–7), Cornell University (1970–1), Johns Hopkins University (1977–8), and the University of Michigan (1967–87) before returning to Brown University, in 1987, as the Herbert Perry Faunce Professor of Philosophy. Kim was president of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, in 1988–9, and he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1991. He is the author of six books: *Supervenience and Mind* (1993), *Philosophy of Mind* (1996, 2nd edn. 2006), *Mind in a Physical World* (1998), *Physicalism, or Something Near Enough* (2005), *Trois essais sur l'émergence* (2006), and *Essays in the Metaphysics of Mind* (2010). Kim's published articles are too numerous to list here, but many of them have been seminal works, setting a new agenda for the discipline or reconfiguring the existing dialectic. It is a testament to his effect that so many other significant philosophers engage with his work, either directly or indirectly, by approaching philosophical issues that have been shaped by his treatment. The editors are grateful to the contributors for their patience as this publication came to fruition. We do think it is, now, a fitting tribute to Professor Kim's body of work.