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EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

This special issue of *Synthese* on the foundations of probability and statistics is dedicated to the memory of Professor Allan Birnbaum. Professor Birnbaum's essay 'The Neyman-Pearson Theory as Decision Theory; and as Inference Theory; with a Criticism of the Lindley-Savage Argument for Bayesian Theory' was received by the editors of *Synthese* in October, 1975, and a decision was made to publish a special symposium consisting of this paper together with several invited comments and related papers. The sad news about Professor Birnbaum's death reached us in the summer of 1976, but the editorial project could nevertheless be completed according to the original plan. By publishing this special issue we wish to pay homage to Professor Birnbaum's penetrating and stimulating work on the foundations of statistics. We are grateful to Professor Ronald Giere who wrote an introductory essay on Professor Birnbaum's concept of statistical evidence and who compiled a list of Professor Birnbaum's publications.

THE EDITORS