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Editors' Preface

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In the case that is captivating me at the moment, the First World War, it's very clear that on the western front, the apparent stasis of trench warfare was brought about not by the fixity of the map at all, but by a series of advances and counter-advances which depended upon, in fact were choreographed by, a constantly updating map basis. That is to say, maps were constantly redrawn, overprinted, and distributed.

—Derek Gregory

Representation is about control—somebody's control—and there is no representation that is not about control.

—Swati Chattopadhyay

The twenty-third edition of *disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory* presents the theme of "Mapping." The journal itself is a map—a representation, both visual and textual—of how this particular topic is viewed across disciplines. By intimating that this journal is a map, we don't wish to impose the traditional power dynamics that mapping implies. Instead, we hope to present the opportunity to explore the ways to define maps, their methods for use, the possibilities for counter-use, and the different technologies that create them.

In this issue, you will find scholarly articles that probe these and many other topics. While each of the contributors presents a unique view of mapping, they all point away from the fixity of maps and towards the ongoing processes of how materials, people, and everyday life can map and counter-map. As graphic representations are integral to the idea of mapping, it is especially germane that this issue marks our online debut. The digital platform has provided the opportunity to publish supplementary graphic representations, as demonstrated by the contributions of Tina Richardson, Aslıhan Şenel, and Gabriel Wulff. In addition to these vibrant visualizations, the creative works of Jeremy Dae Paden poetically interrogate the stories and histories behind the creation of such maps.

The Spring Lecture Series of the Committee on Social Theory gave our Collective an opportunity to discuss many issues of mapping with leading scholars from a variety of disciplines. The interviews with Drs. Neil Brenner, Swati Chattopadhyay, and Derek Gregory explore topics such as binaries, urbanization, technologies, networks, flows, and warfare. Their insights highlight the myriad ways that we can look at mapping. Authority no longer lies with the map-maker, but the map-user.

So, chart your own course.

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Last year's ST 600 course, entitled "Mapping," co-taught by Drs. Jeremy Crampton (Geography), Susan Larson (Hispanic Studies), Jeff Peters (French and Francophone Studies), and Jenny Rice (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies) was the guiding theme for this year's issue. We'd like to thank these professors and our visiting scholars, Derek Gregory, Neil Brenner, Tom Conley, and Swati Chattopadhyay for their contributions and for starting the conversations presented in this issue.

Finally, thanks to the contributors. We are excited to present and publish your work.