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FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

The papers published here were presented at the 1998 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in a session on Qualitative Methods and Reasoning in Cartographic Research, sponsored by the Cartography Specialty Group. The AAG session featured current qualitative research on cartographic topics and cartographic materials: interviews by telephone and in person, focus groups for map critique, and critical analysis of both maps as components of corporate annual reports and projects that share geographic data on the Web.

Specifically, the participants in the AAG session and topics they presented were: Mark Monmonier on "Probing the Practices of Experienced Map Authors with Partly-Structured Telephone Interviews;" Trudy Suchan, "It's only my Opinion But...Interviews on Everyday Conceptions of

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