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From the Editor

Dear NACIS members,

You are holding CP 56 in your hands, reflecting the efforts of past editor Scott Freundsuh (who marshaled the pair of featured articles through the peer-review process) and myself, your new editor. I thank members of the editorial board and the section editors for their efforts in shaping the content of CP. Jim Anderson, our assistant editor, has pulled together a morass of text, graphics files, and other bits into a coherent and engaging issue.

Academic journals reflect the personalities and interests of their editors, but it is certainly not only about the editor. Indeed, it is vital that CP reflects the diversity of the NACIS membership, one of my goals as editor of the journal. An open panel session at the last NACIS meeting and informal discussions with NACIS members generated a significant list of ideas, from small tweaks in journal design to ideas for major new sections for the journal. Some of those ideas are here for your perusal in CP 56, and more are to come, including a revival of the Fugitive Literature column, interviews, exploratory essays, and peer-reviewed maps and software. The color cover of the journal will be used in different ways, and I am investigating the inclusion of a poster-sized map insert, publishing interesting maps with intellectual and cartographic merit that may not otherwise be printed.

Promoting the journal as a place to publish a diversity of materials

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