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From the Editor

As I look out over the synclinal valley unfolding below Big Savage Mountain I can already see spots of crimson, amber, and brown dotting the forested landscape. Autumn comes early to the mountains in Western Maryland and winter is not too far behind. There is a saying by those who live in Garrett County Maryland, which is located immediately west of Frostburg State University and is on the Appalachian Plateau, that "there are only two seasons here: July and winter." Of course, as autumn approaches, this change in seasons has different meanings to people. For the NACIS community, this means the next annual NACIS conference isn't too far distant. I hope you are making plans to attend this year's conference held in Missoula, Montana.

In this issue of *CP* you will find a mix of cartographic writings which I hope you will find interesting. For those of you in attendance at last year's NACIS meeting in St. Louis may recall of a broadside called *Right MAP Making* by Steven Holloway. Steven's broadside presents five precepts that "articulate the fundamental principles of ethical conduct in mapping & maps and to stimulate 'right action'" (Holloway 2007, <http://www.tomake.com/future/fivewaystomakemaps.html>). The broadside was printed on heavy-weight paper and distributed at no cost to those interested at the St. Louis conference. I was one

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