For each of the past three years, one issue of *Cartographic Perspectives* has been reserved for a guest editor. Trudy Suchan produced a special issue of *CP* in 1998. Pat Gilmartin served as guest editor for *CP* 33 in 1999. For this first issue of 2000, we are fortunate to have Mark Monmonier as guest editor for a retrospective on cartography in the 20th century. I would like to thank all three guest editors for their efforts in producing these special issues.

Guest editors can solicit articles that explore a particular topic in greater detail. As such, these issues focus attention on a particular area and provide an important outlet for research in cartography. The articles undergo a review process, like all featured articles submitted to *CP*. And, like all articles in *CP*, the articles are insightful, well-researched, thought-provoking and adhere to the *CP* policy of presenting meaningful information in an understandable way.

*Michael Peterson, editor*

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