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Editor's Preface

-Richard Parmer

Security is a topic that can, at first, seem so every-day that it may appear too banal a theme for an entire team-taught course on social theory—or a full issue of a social theory journal. However, as the spring 2012 Social Theory 600 course here at the University of Kentucky and this journal reveal, the ubiquity of this concept is exactly why it is such a rich area of academic inquiry. Indeed, recent events make this idea quite timely, some of which include several recent government elections around the world, rebellions in Egypt and Syria, world-wide financial instability, and, most recently in the United States, the explosions of two bombs during the 2013 Boston Marathon. Security, and the lack thereof, connects to such topics as nationalism, boundaries, empire, citizenship and migration, technology, violence and terror, networks, governance, subjectivity, economics, geopolitics, public(s), virtual life, and natural resources. These themes and many others were taken up by the Collective of this issue of *disClosure*, our contributors, and a wide range of visiting scholars, including Dr. Michael Hardt, Dr. Jane Guyer, Dr. Stuart Elden, and Dr. Russ Castronovo. This issue of *disClosure* explores the concept of (in)security through a variety of disciplines, media, and theoretical perspectives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that this will be the final printed issue of *disClosure*. Throughout this year, we have completed the groundwork for moving our journal online. Moving to a digital publication that is hosted through UKnowledge will provide new opportunities for our journal. It will expand the genres of work that we can publish and provide easy, free access to every issue, starting with our first in 1992. We look forward to these exciting new prospects for the journal. I hope that our readers will share our enthusiasm for the new digital home of *disClosure*.

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Compiling and completing this issue of *disClosure* would not have been possible without the assistance of Timothy Vatovec and Eir-Anne Edgar, the editors of last year's issue. I would like to thank Dr. Marion Rust for her support as our faculty advisor, as well as for her guidance as the current head of the Committee on Social Theory at UK. As with each issue, this year's edition is an extension of the team-taught, interdisciplinary course offered each spring by the Committee, which is centered on providing different perspectives on a common theme. Last year's course, entitled "Security," co-taught by Dr. Andy Doolen (English), Dr. Susan Roberts (Geography), Dr. Lisa Cliggett (Anthropology), and Dr. Masamichi Inoue (Modern & Classical Languages); was the guiding theme for this issue. I thank Kari Burchfield for all of her work on behalf of the Committee on Social Theory and *disClosure*. Finally, I would like to thank the members of this year's Collective, all of whom had to make time during their own studies to collaborate on our CFP and review our submissions. I wish co-editors Rachael Hoy and Christina Williams luck in compiling our first digital issue, which will explore the theme of Mapping.

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