

# Preface

The editors of this volume share three common and overlapping interests. First, we are very interested in looking at space, place, and space/time intersections within geography and other disciplines, fields, and subfields. While space is an important component in geographical studies, whether personal, local, regional, or global spaces, we do not consider geography as the only discipline that studies space. This volume attests to our interest in seeing how other fields and disciplines, even in some very imaginative and creative ways, explore the meanings of space. Second, we are especially interested in how geography-related fields in the social and natural sciences and the humanities map spaces, places, and space/time relations. The contributors to this volume address mapping issues and topics, not only by presenting examples for wider scholarly communities, but also by issuing challenges to their own colleagues to focus new or renewed attention on space/place mapping. We also believe strongly that geography is not the only discipline with an interest in mapping, but a discipline that has much to help other fields and disciplines learn additional insights that can come from describing and analyzing map patterns and processes. Third, we are in solid agreement that there remains much more about mapping across the academy that awaits junior and senior scholars in traditional fields and disciplines and those willing to explore the margins and peripheries of their knowledge fields and specializations. It is those porous open frontiers and spaces where new ways of mapping and visualization can become realities. We anxiously await those scholars who work at these space and space/time intersections to see what kinds of maps and diagrams will emerge from studying architecture and language, art and biology, law and ecology, sustainability and green energy, genetics and brain mapping, psychology and religion, politics and climate change, music and language, gender and lifeworlds.

While assembling and editing this volume represents a shared effort, we readily admit that there are others who have influenced our career research, thinking, and ongoing creative efforts. The names would and do include our friends in geography and also those visionaries in related fields whose writings, interviews, and perspectives have challenged us to think and be comfortable outside our intellectual comfort zones. Some are ongoing inspirations; others influenced our thinking

from writings thirty or forty years ago. To be sure, a complete list of all would be lengthy and probably also have some omissions. But we wish to identify the following as being especially important in our expansive views about geography and related disciplines. Stan Brunn would identify these geographers, which are not listed in any order of importance: Wilbur Zelinsky, Anne Buttimer, Yi-Fu Tuan, Gilbert White, John K. Wright, Peter Gould, Dick Morrill, Gillian Rose, Karl Butzer, Don Janelle, Bill Warntz, and David Lowenthal. Nongeographers would include Arthur C. Clarke, Carl Sagan, Jane Goddall, Stephen Gould, Lester Brown, Stephen Hawking, Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, Alvin Toffler, John McHale, and John Naisbett.

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