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FOREWORD

With the 2010 Census in full swing, legislative redistricting is just around the corner. Lawmakers will redraw lines for a variety of reasons: to reflect the changes in population, to entrench political majorities, and to provide underrepresented minorities with a voice. Before redistricting begins in earnest, we decided to bring together academics and state officials for a daylong symposium to examine the future of redistricting in America. This issue is the product of that symposium, which was entitled, appropriately enough, *Drawing Lines: The Future of Redistricting in America*.

Like the symposium, this issue is organized around three central questions. Is there a way to design an apolitical redistricting process? How will computers be used in the next round of redistricting? What is the future of the majority-minority district?

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