

## *Greetings*

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Once again we have the pleasure of introducing an issue of *Computing Systems* with a focussed theme. The papers which follow are extensively rewritten and expanded versions of papers presented at the recent Workshop on Experiences with Distributed and Multiprocessor Systems in Atlanta, Georgia. The Workshop was sponsored by the USENIX Association and the Software Engineering Research Center, in Cooperation with ACM SIGOPS, ACM SIGSOFT, IEEE-CS TCOS, and IEEE-CS Technical Committee on Distributed Systems. We are pleased to provide our readers with timely reports of real experiences with experimental systems on the cutting edge of distributed systems research.

And as before, the issue has been guest edited by Professor Eugene H. Spafford of Purdue University, Technical Program Co-chair for the Workshop. His introduction follows this note.\*

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