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This series of short essays explores issues facing ethnographers working on or in collaboration with design as a field. It begins from the proposition that the intersection of ethnography and design is not merely a topical convergence of subject matter, but a provocative point from which to theorize what it is that ethnographers do. The essays were adapted for publication from presentations at the conference “Ethnography and Design: Mutual Provocations,” which was held at the University of California, San Diego in October 2016. Our contributors fall into four categories: ethnographers who conduct critical ethnography of or about design thinking and design practice in the world; ethnographers who adapt elements of design practice (including performance and theatrical design, as well as product and digital design) into ethnographic practice; ethnographers who think critically about the epistemological roots of both design and ethnography as Western expert discourses; and ethnographers who are interested in ethnography as a design for social change.

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