About the cover:
In 1994, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, or CALEA, was enacted to permit federal law enforcement to wiretap telephone lines and capture information that might be relevant to criminal and terrorist investigations. Today, proposed legislation aims to expand the parameters of CALEA to include public broadband network connections, which would essentially make available for review at any time—without the knowledge or consent of users—any communication transmitted across a public network. The feature article “Policy insecurity,” beginning on page 16, examines the potential impact of extending CALEA to the public Internet and offers solutions that would allow network providers to both comply with the needs of law enforcement and minimize potential harm. (Cover photo by Michael Kiernan.)