



## A Call for Papers for a Special Issue of NAMES: Toponyms and Literaryscapes

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## **Summary**

The Vice President of the American Name Society, Dr. Luisa Caiazzo, is issuing a call for papers for a special issue of NAMES on the selection and meaning of toponyms in works of fiction.

**Keywords:** literary onomastics, toponyms, geographical names, place names

## A Special Issue of NAMES

Although toponyms are often taken for granted in our daily lives, they carry considerable potential for acquiring personal and social meanings depending on their contexts and co-texts of use. These multi-layered meanings are often utilized by authors as literary resources for evoking associations or invoking evaluative positioning. Papers accepted for this special issue will explore how the meanings of place-names—be they real or fictional—may be effectively harnessed to shape literary settings within specific works or by specific authors. Examples of themes that can be addressed include but are not limited the choice, invention and connotation(s) of toponyms; toponyms in translation; toponyms in literary theory; and toponyms and intertextuality.

## Proposal Submission Process

- 1. Abstracts proposals (max. 500 words) should be sent as an email attachment (PDF format) to Vice President, Dr. Luisa Caiazzo (luisa.caiazzo@unibas.it). Proposals should include a preliminary list of references.
- 2. Proposals should include "NAMES 2021 proposal" in the subject line of the email.
- 3. All submissions must include an abstract title, the full name(s) of the author(s), the author(s) affiliation(s), and email address(s) in the body of the email and NOT in the abstract.
- 4. **DEADLINE:** Proposals must be received by 8pm GMT on 15 March 2021. Authors will be notified about the results of the blind review on or by 10 April 2021.
- 5. The deadline for final papers is 31 July 2021.

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