

Editor's Note

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With volume 56, *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* now marks a brand new stage in its existence. The renowned British publisher of high-quality academic books and journals, founded in 1900, agreed in 2007 to become the new publisher for the journal founded by the American Name Society in Detroit in 1951. Maney has had a presence in the US since 1945. We are indeed fortunate to have such a significant publishing house for our journal. The people at Maney Publishing have all been exceptionally kind, responsive, and helpful to the Editor, the Executive Council, and the Officers of the American Name Society. We all express our appreciation for their help and consideration in this stage of our evolution.

Volume 56, issue number 1 of *NAMES* is a special issue on ethnic influences on names and naming ably organized and edited by Alleen Pace Nilsen and Don L. F. Nilsen, current Co-Presidents of the American Name Society (2007–2008). The first thing you will have noticed about the journal is its new cover, which consists of a new configuration. At the top are the volume, issue number, and date. Immediately below is the title of the journal in a new typeface. Below in a rich red color is the word for 'names' in a variety of different languages. This is intended to symbolize the wide variety of names included in the journal. At the bottom and to the right is the Maney logo and the International Standard Serial Number for *NAMES*. Another innovation for our journal is the inclusion of the Table of Contents on the back cover together with pagination. This latter change represents the configuration of all Maney journals, and one that is fairly common among other professional journals. We would be interested in knowing how many of the words for names you can identify. You can contact me at fhnueso1@louisville.edu, if you know. Furthermore, I invite you to contact me concerning any manuscripts that you wish to submit. We are always looking for high quality submissions from our readers.

We hope that you will be as excited as we are with Maney Publishing and with the new format of the journal. Needless to say, *NAMES* will continue its tradition of publishing excellent articles that undergo a double anonymous review process to ensure the quality of the materials included in each issue. Likewise, we will continue to publish reviews of books about onomastics. In this regard, we invite you to send your books for review to our Book Review Editor at the following address: Dr. Chris DeVinne, School of Arts and Sciences, Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Cleveland, OH 44124, USA. Her email address is: cdevinne@ursuline.edu

Finally, please remember to renew your membership to our organization so that you can continue to receive *NAMES*. Thank you!