

## Editorial

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The last issue of volume 57 (2009) of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* marks the completion of my second year as Editor of this journal. Members of the American Name Society have indicated that they are pleased with the revised format of the journal now under the auspices of Maney Publishing (UK), a publisher of many highly regarded scholarly journals. A visit to their website (<http://www.maney.co.uk/>) illustrates the high quality of all of their publications. I would like to thank the Production Editor, Rebecca Lee, for all of her help and guidance during these past two years. Moreover, I would like to thank Managing Editor, Lisa Johnstone, for her help and encouragement.

During these past two years, there have been several innovations:

1. A new cover thanks to American Name Society Treasurer Michael F. McGoff (Binghamton University, State University of New York, USA) and a slightly larger size.
2. A regular editorial column to provide readers with information related to the publication of the journal.
3. An annual report *Names of the Year* prepared by Cleveland Kent Evans (Bellevue University, Nebraska, USA).
4. A periodic column *Names in the News*. The first two were authored by Alleen Pace Nilsen (Arizona State University, USA). In the future, this column will be prepared by Dwan Shipley (Western Washington University, USA).
5. An annual award for the best article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*. The selection committee consists of the at-large members of the Executive Council of the American Name Society. The current members are as follows:

Bruce L. Brown (Brigham Young University, Award Chair, 2009)

Dwan Shipley (Western Washington University, Award Chair, 2010)

Iman Laversuch (University of Cologne, Germany, Award Chair, 2011)

This independent award committee will report the results of their deliberations to the Editor of *Names* once the last issue of each volume has been published. The factors involved in this selection include the quality of the article and the significance of the article to the science of onomastics.

6. The announcement of the first special issue of *Names* under my editorship on the topic Names and War.

It should be noted that the submission dates for *Names* are as follows:

- Issue # 1 (March) is due November 24
- Issue # 2 (June) is due March 2
- Issue # 3 (September) is due June 1
- Issue # 4 (December) is due August 31

Because of this production schedule, news and information that relate to the annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America during the first week of January of every year, cannot be reported until the second issue of each volume because the material contained in the first issue of each volume was submitted in November of the preceding year.

*Names* is always looking for submissions that deal with some aspect of onomastics. We invite you to submit your onomastics article in accordance with the format requirements stated on the inside back cover of the journal or the *Names* style sheet located at the website of the American Name Society (<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/>). Submissions should be sent by electronic attachment to the Editor ([fhnues01@louisville.edu](mailto:fhnues01@louisville.edu)) in accordance with the *Names* style sheet (<http://maney.co.uk/index.php/journals/nam/>) also available at the website of the American Name Society (<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/names.htm>).

The annual meeting of the American Name Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in Baltimore, MD January 7–10 2010. This is an exciting yearly event that includes a large number of interesting papers on various aspects of onomastics in concurrent sessions. The annual session on Names of the Year will be presided over by Cleveland Kent Evans (Bellevue University, Nebraska, USA).

### **American Name Society Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA)**

In 2007 the American Name Society established the ANS Emerging Scholar Award, in the amount of \$250, to be awarded to the undergraduate or graduate student who submits the best paper that is accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. In addition to the cash prize, the student will also receive a two-year membership in ANS, as well as assistance in preparing the paper for publication. To receive complete information and instructions for submission, write the ANS first vice president at [ANS1stVP@yahoo.com](mailto:ANS1stVP@yahoo.com).

Please remember to renew your membership to the American Name Society (<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/members.htm>), or through Maney Publishing (<http://maney.co.uk/index.php/journals/nam/>).

The American Name Society Emerging Scholar Award is another important event at the annual meeting. Information about this award follows.