

Award for Best Article in *Names*: *A Journal of Onomastics* 2009

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At its annual meeting in San Francisco January 8–11 2009, the American Name Society agreed to provide an annual award for the best article in *Names*.

The Award Committee consists of the Executive Council Members at Large. For 2009, they are:

1. Bruce L. Brown, Brigham Young University, USA (Chair, 2009)
2. Dwan Shipley, Western Washington University, USA (Chair, 2010)
3. Iman Laversuch, University of Cologne, Germany (Chair, 2011)

Each year, a new member is elected to the Executive Council and one member rotates off.

The Award Committee operates completely independently of the Editor. The award is given to only one article per year. The decision of the Award Committee is final. The criteria include: (1) the significance of the article; and (2) the significance of the article to the science of onomastics. The decision of the Award Committee is final.

The award consists of a plaque that reads as follows:

The American Name Society
Recognizes
Name(s) of Author(s)
For the Best Article to Appear in
Names: A Journal of Onomastics
For the year 2009

The Award Committee has informed me that this year's Award winners are: Denis Huschka, Jürgen Gerhards, and Gert G. Wagner for their article entitled "Naming Differences in Divided Germany" which appeared in *Names*, 57:4 (2009): 208–28.

The Award Committee Members deserve special mention for their exceptional hard work and dedication in reviewing meticulously all of the articles that appeared in volume 57 (2009) before making their final decision.