

Editorial

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This issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* contains the name of the very first recipients of the Award for Best Article in *Names* (see p. 54). The independent Committee, which consists of the three members of the Executive Council Members at Large (Bruce L. Brown, Brigham Young University, Dwan Shipley, Western Washington University, and Iman Laversuch, University of Cologne, Germany), charged with making this decision reported their decision to me. Their decision is final. They deserve high praise for their hard work and efforts in making this decision. All of us should congratulate Denis Huschka, Jürgen Gerhards, and Gert G. Wagner for this honor. Their article entitled “Naming Differences in Divided Germany” appeared in *Names*, 57:4 (2009): 208–28.

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authored by the President of the CELJ, and Executive Editor of *Arthuriana*, Bonnie Wheeler (Department of English and Medieval Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX) and presented at the Conference of Historical Journals of the American Historical Association January 4 2009. In her essay, Wheeler discusses several issues of current concern to the editors of learned journals including the issue of the European Reference Index for the Humanities ratings of journals as well as similar ratings from groups in Australia and New Zealand. Readers of *Names* should find it to be of interest.

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As a reminder to contributors, the Executive Council decided at the annual meeting of the American Name Society held in January 2009 in San Francisco that authors whose articles have been accepted for publication must become members of the American Name Society. This decision was originally reported in *Names*, 57:2 (2009): 80.