

Editorial

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This issue is a special issue on the topic of “Names and War.” In addition, it also has one regular article that appears after the section dedicated to this special theme. This issue is, in fact, the second special issue during my tenure as Editor of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*. The first was a special issue on “Names and Ethnicity” edited by Alleen and Don L. F. Nilsen (volume 56, number 1, 2008). It should be noted, however, that that issue was already in preparation during the editorship of my predecessor, Ren Vasiliev (State University of New York College at Geneseo). Special issues of a journal should be out of the ordinary and they should address a particular theme that is of importance to the interdiscipline of onomastics. The present issue, in fact, does address an important topic in today’s world when many nations are at war.

News about the Journal

As you will remember, the three members at large constitute the selection committee for the annual Award for Best Article in *Names*. For the record, it should be noted that Ernest L. Abel was elected as a Member at Large of the Executive Council to serve through 2012. Since he has an article appearing in volume 58 of *Names*, one that was accepted prior to his election to this office, he has recused himself from participation in this year’s selection of the annual Award for Best Article in the journal. Michael McGoff has kindly agreed to serve in his place this year. Likewise, Iman Laversuch (University of Cologne, Germany) was elected as a Member at Large of the Executive Council through 2011. Since she will also have an article appearing in volume 58 of *Names*, she has also recused herself from participation in this year’s selection of the annual Award for Best Article for 2010 in the journal. Edward Callary, former Editor of this journal, has likewise agreed to serve in her place for this year. Dwan Shipley (Western Washington University) will serve as Chair of the Award Committee. The Award Committee operates completely independently of the Editor of *Names*. Its decision is final. Whenever it is the case that a member of the selection committee for the annual Best Article in *Names* award has an article in the journal, that person will not serve as a part of the selection committee.

It is important to note that when submitting a paper to *Names*, that submission may not be sent to another journal. If *Names* rejects the submission, the author is then free to submit the paper elsewhere. Dual submission of papers is not allowed. If it is discovered that a paper has been submitted to another journal simultaneous with its submission to *Names*, the submission will be rejected.