

## Editorial

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### **Award for Best Article in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* for 2012**

For the fourth consecutive year, the independent Committee for the Best Article in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* has evaluated all of the articles published in our Journal according to explicit criteria (theoretical content, methodology, innovation, interdisciplinarity, documentation, writing style, objectivity, future impact, and overall quality of scholarship). 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*. We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is Stanley Brandes, University of California, Berkeley, whose article entitled "Dear Rin Tin Tin: An Analysis of William Safire's Dog-Naming Survey from 1985" appeared in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* 60(1) (2012): 3–14. A note on the award and the past winners appears in this issue of the Journal. We would also like to express our appreciation to the three members of the committee for their hard work in making such a difficult decision:

1. Michael F. McGoff (Binghamton University, SUNY)
2. John Algeo, University of Georgia (Professor Emeritus)
3. Kemp Williams (IBM)

### **Appreciation**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the editorial board of *NAMES* for their tireless efforts in responding to my frequent requests for help in evaluating submissions to the journal for their service in 2012. They are: (1) John Algeo (Emeritus, University of Georgia), (2) Chris De Vinne (Notre Dame of Maryland University), (3) Edward Callary (Northern Illinois University), (4) Thomas J. Gasque (Emeritus, University of South Dakota), (5) Margaret Lee (Hampton University), (6) Michael F. McGoff (Binghamton University, SUNY), (7) Lisa McNary (North Carolina State University), and (7) Jan Tent (Macquarie University, Australia). I would also note that two people have been added to the Editorial Board for 2013: (1) Iman Nick (Cologne University, Germany), and (2) Peter E. Raper (University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa). Additional thanks go to Chris De Vinne for her excellent work as Book Review Editor.

### **Journal of the Month**

Maney Publishing decided in October 2012 to feature *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* as its Journal of the Month for January 2013. Each month Maney selects one of its more than 100 scholarly journals for special attention in order to promote the publication. Because the American Name Society will be meeting in conjunction

with the annual Linguistic Society of America meeting in Boston January 3–6 2013, the timing could not be better. Moreover, the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association also takes place in Boston January 3–6 2013. This fortuitous set of circumstances will allow us to promote the American Name Society and its premiere publication *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* to a very large audience at both meetings.

### **Digitization of *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics***

Maney Publishing is in the process of digitizing all of the issues of the sixty volumes (1953–2012) of *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*. Once completed, this project will make available all of the contents of our Journal. This will be a boon to onomastic scholars worldwide because it will now be possible to access the many great scholarly articles found in our Journal. In this issue, there is an essay entitled “Sixty Years of *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*,” which provides a very concise overview of our Journal based on Thomas J. Gasque’s essay entitled “Six Decades of the American Name Society, 1951–2009,” which is available at the American Name Society website: <<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans>> under the heading “A History of the American Name Society by Thomas Gasque.” It is a revision of a paper that he gave at the annual meeting of the American Name Society on January 8 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland.

### **Impact Factor for *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics***

For the first time, *NAMES* has been awarded an impact factor (<http://maneypublishing.com/index.php/journals/nam/>). The 2011 J[ournal]C[itation]R[eports] shows an **Impact Factor of 0.108 for the journal**. For full details, including Scopus figures, view the journal bibliometrics, which studies the quantitative aspects of recorded information: ([http://maneypublishing.com/index.php/bibliometrics\\_NAM](http://maneypublishing.com/index.php/bibliometrics_NAM)).

The information is as follows:

2011 Journal Citation Reports® (Thomson Reuters, 2011)

2-year Impact Factor: 0.108

Ranks: 136/161 Linguistics

The SCImago journal ranking noted below is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals in terms of the number of citations from a journal, and the importance or prestige of the journals from which such citations come.

2011 SCImago Journal Rank

(Scopus, 2011)

SJR: 0.027

### **Submissions to *NAMES***

*NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*, publishes articles of general, theoretical, and topical interest, reviews of recent books and other significant resources, queries, notes, and comments of concern to onomastics. Reports of original research in onomastics as well as redactions and summaries of existing research are welcome. *NAMES* is a fully refereed journal; manuscripts of articles are read and evaluated anonymously by at least two qualified scholars. Membership in the American Name Society is not required for initial submission to *NAMES*; manuscripts from non-members and from scholars in related disciplines are encouraged. Once an article is accepted for publication in *NAMES*, the author must join the American Name Society.