

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

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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: A Journal of Onomastics*. We are now in the fourth year of this award.

The 2012 Award Committee for Best Article in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* consists of the following individuals:

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

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 60 (2012) before making their final decision.

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 2012

The Award Committee has informed me that this year's award winner is Stanley Brandes, University of California, Berkeley for his article entitled "Dear Rin Tin Tin: An Analysis of William Safire's Dog-Naming Survey from 1985," which appeared in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* 60(1) (2012): 3–14.

### Previous Award Winners

2009. Denis Huschka, Jürgen Gerhards, and Gert G. Wagner for their article entitled "Naming Differences in Divided Germany" appeared in *NAMES: A Journal of*

*Onomastics* 57(4) (2009): 208–228 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, Bruce L. Brown, and Iman Laversuch).

2010. Dr Malgorzata Rutkiewicz-Hanczewska (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland) for her article entitled “Proper Names in the Polish Global Reality” published in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* 58(3): 159–168 (Award Committee: Dwan Shipley, Edward Callary, and Michael McGoff).

2011. Carol G. Lombard, The University of the Free State (Bloemfontein, South Africa), for her article entitled “The Sociocultural Significance of Niitsitapi Personal Names: An Ethnographic Analysis,” published in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* 59(1): 42–51 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Dwan Shipley).