

Award for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 2014

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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*. This award is now in its sixth year. Receipt of this award is a significant honor for the recipient(s) and it signifies the highest academic achievement in the field of onomastics.

The 2014 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 work and dedication in reviewing all of the articles that appeared in volume 62 (2014) before making their final decision on this year's winner.

The Award Committee operates completely independently of the Editor. The award is given to only one article per year. 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 2014

The Award Committee has informed me that this year's Award winner is R. Urbatsch, "Alphabetical Effects on Political Careers," *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 62(4): 229–238.

Previous Award Winners

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

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

2010. Dr. Małgorzata 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).

2012. 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,” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 60(1): 3–14 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).

2013. Christopher L. Robinson, HEC-Paris, France, for his article entitled “What Makes the Names of Middle-earth So Fitting? Elements of Style in the Namecraft of J.R.R. Tolkien,” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 61(2): 65–74 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).