

Editorial

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

For the sixth 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*. The American Name Society is pleased to announce that this year's winner is R. Urbatsch, for his article entitled "Alphabetical Effects on Political Careers" published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 62:4 (2014), 229–238. 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 (Professor Emeritus, University of Georgia)
3. Kemp Williams (IBM)

Appreciation

I would like to thank the members of the Editorial Board for their dedication and hard work in making *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* the excellent journal that it is. They are:

1. John Algeo (Professor Emeritus, University of Georgia)
2. Edward Callary (Northern Illinois University)
3. Christine De Vinne (Notre Dame of Maryland University)
4. Thomas J. Gasque (Professor Emeritus, University of South Dakota)
5. Margaret Lee (Hampton University)
6. Michael F. McGoff (Binghamton University, SUNY)
7. Lisa McNary (North Carolina State University)
8. Jan Tent (Macquarie University, Australia)
9. Iman L. Nick (University of Cologne, Germany)
10. Peter E. Raper (University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa)

I also wish to thank Chris De Vinne, whose work as Reviews Editor for the journal is exceptional. We all appreciate her hard work. Moreover, I wish to thank Michael

McGoff for his excellent work in maintaining the American Name Society web site (<<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/>>) and his work as ANS Treasurer. Finally, I wish to thank Maney Production Editor, Saoirse Milotte, for her outstanding work on *Names*. Likewise, I would like to thank Maney Marketing Executive, Kate Hallworth and Senior Publishing Executive — Humanities, Gemma Hemming for their noteworthy help in promoting the American Name Society’s journal.

Requirements for submissions to *Names*

Several recent submissions to the journal indicate that authors have not paid attention to the following requirement for submissions to *Names*. We ask that all authors read and comply with this prerequisite for submissions to the journal. Following these rules will facilitate the processing of submissions, and it will expedite editorial responses. This policy was decided at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Name Society January 2011 and published in the Editorial in *Names* 59:2 (2011), 65.

Names is dedicated to publishing a broad diversity of previously unpublished scholarly articles and book reviews in the field of onomastics. Authors from every corner of the world are therefore warmly encouraged to submit their work. Please be aware, however, that *Names* requires all submissions to adhere to US American English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and style. All manuscripts must be scrupulously edited before submission to ensure the highest standard of academic writing. Work with numerous factual, typographical, and/or grammatical errors will not be accepted for peer review. Before submission, it is therefore strongly recommended that all manuscripts be carefully edited for style, content, and grammar by an experienced proofreader who is a native-speaker of US American English. Any contractual arrangement, which the author(s) may enter into will, however, be exclusively the sole financial responsibility of the author(s). Please be aware that the use of professional proofreading services will in no way guarantee the acceptance of a submission by the review committee and Journal editorial staff. However, the failure to appropriately edit a submission will automatically be considered sufficient grounds for immediate, unqualified rejection.

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