

Editorial

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Award for Best Article in Names: A Journal of Onomastics for 2015

For the seventh 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 Michael Adams, for his article entitled "The Course of a Particular: Names and Narrative in the Works of Joseph Mitchell" published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 63(1): 3–15. 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 thank the members of the *Names* 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 (Ursuline College, Ohio)
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 Review Editor for the journal is exceptional. She continues to carry out her duties while serving as President of Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio. We all appreciate her hard work.

Moreover, I wish to thank Michael McGoff for his excellent work as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Name Society. Iman Nick, in her role as ANS President, deserves credit for many important tasks including, but not limited to: Preparation of the annual program, revision of the ANS By-laws, and much more.

Finally, I wish to thank Taylor & Francis Production Editor, Lydia Charles, for her work on *Names*. Likewise, I would like to thank Taylor & Francis Managing Editor (Arts & Humanities Journals: Linguistics, Anthropology, and Cultural Studies), Lucy Sheach for her help.

New American Name Society Website

ANS President, Iman Nick, Executive Council Member-at-Large, Lisa Radding, Ethnic Technologies (South Hackensack, NJ), and web designer, Jennifer Moss, have been working very diligently since the beginning of the year to completely revise and update the American Name Society Web Site. The new website is now available at the following link: <http://www.americannamesociety.org>. ANS members and the public at large will find this site to be informative and attractive. Please visit it. I wish to thank everyone involved in creating and designing the new site for their hard work and efforts in creating this new website.

Special Issue of Names: A Journal of Onomastics

The next issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* (64:2) is a special issue dedicated to “Names in Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Mystery” edited by American Name Society President Iman Nick (University of Cologne, Germany). This is the third time that Iman Nick has served as Editor of a special issue of *Names*. The other two special issues under her editorship were: (1) “Names and War” (58: 4 [2010]), and (2) “Names and the Internet” (60: 4 [2012]).