

Editorial

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Special Issue of *Names*

This issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* (64:2) is a special issue dedicated to the topic of “Names in Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Mystery” edited by American Name Society President, Dr. Iman Nick (University of Cologne, Germany). This is, in fact, the fourth special issue of *Names* during my tenure as Editor. The first was “Names and Ethnicity” (56:1 [2008]) edited by Dr. Alleen Nilsen and Dr. Don L. F. Nilsen (Arizona State University), who were then Co-Presidents of the American Name Society. On two subsequent occasions, Dr. Iman Nick served as guest editor of our journal. These were special issues on “Names and War” (58: 4 [2010]) and “Names and the Internet” (60: 4 [2012]). Readers will enjoy reading all of the articles in the present special issue.

Reminder to Visit the Completely Revised Website of the American Name Society

American Name Society President, Dr. Iman Nick, ANS Information Officer, Ms. Lisa Radding, Ethnic Technologies (South Hackensack, NJ), and web-designer and ANS Membership Officer, Ms. Jennifer Moss, worked very diligently to create the new website for the American Name Society. 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. You will find much interesting and useful information about the American Name Society, how to become a member, conferences, the ANS journal *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, news, and how to contact us.

Forthcoming American Name Society Conference

In conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America, the ANS meets once a year for paper presentations, and panel discussions. The next ANS meeting will be in Austin, TX January 5–8, 2017. If you want to participate, you should keep the following dates in mind:

June 30, 2016 – Call for Papers deadline

August 30, 2016 – Notification of acceptance

September 30, 2016 – Registration opens

Please email this completed ANS 2017 Author Information Sheet to Dr. I. M. Nick [mavi.yaz@web.de].

For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase “ANS 2017” in the subject line of your email

Presenters who may need additional time to secure international payments and travel visas to the United States are urged to submit their proposal as soon as possible.

All proposals will be subjected to blind review. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of the ANS and need to register with both the ANS and the Linguistic Society of America.

Books for Review

If you have a new book that deals with the study of names, please contact Dr. Chris De Vinne, President, Ursuline College, Ohio at the following address: CDEVINNE@ursuline.edu.

The Role of the Editor

In an essay in *The Scholarly Kitchen* published September 23, 2014, Kent Anderson wrote an essay entitled “The Editor – A Vital Role We Barely Talk About Anymore”. It is available at the following link: <http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2014/09/23/the-editor-a-vital-role-we-barely-talk-about-anymore/> In it, the author addresses such matters as filtering, selection, refinement, and finalization of the product that the readers holds in his or her hands or views in digital format on a computer screen.

It should be stated emphatically that an editor depends on his or her editorial advisory board for the maintaining the quality of a journal. I am very pleased to say that *Names* is privileged to have a truly outstanding academic advising board.

Kelsie B. Harder Memorial Fund

The **Kelsie B. Harder Memorial Fund** was named for an outstanding teacher, scholar and leader who, for many years, was the backbone of the American Name Society. Professor Harder was a renowned scholar of onomastics who served the ANS in many capacities including President of the society (1982) and editor of the journal (1966–1968; 1984–1987). He died in April of 2007. Contributions to the fund are used to support our educational programs. It is used primarily in support of students and upcoming scholars of onomastics. More information about Kelsie B. Harder is available at the following link: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelsie_B._Harder.

You may make a donation payable to the American Name Society with a designation that it go to the Kelsie B. Harder Fund. Please send checks to:

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