

Editorial

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News on the new American Name Society website

The news section (<<http://www.americannamesociety.org/news/>>) of the American Name Society (ANS) is worth visiting. Each month, new items are added, gleaned from the media and related to onomastics and the study of names. Because of this monthly updating, the material is always new and always interesting. On the right-hand side of the news page, there is a listing of recent posts. Furthermore, the archives section provides access to previous monthly posts dating back to January 2015. Among the topics that appear frequently are baby names, marital surnames, placenames, brand names, and literary names. Finally, it is possible to fill out a form to submit a news item to share through the ANS website by filling out an ANS News Submission Form. Be sure to visit the ANS website where you will find many interesting topics.

Personal names bibliographies

Dr Ed Lawson, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at State University of New York, Fredonia, has updated his bibliography of personal names at the following site: <www.newbiddance.com>. It is a working version, and it provides new citations gathered since the publication of his two books: *Personal Names and Naming* (Greenwood Press, 1987) and *More Names and Naming* (Greenwood Press, 1995). Professor Lawson notes that Elsdon C. Smith has an excellent bibliography of personal names published prior to 1952. It is available at the following site: <www.newbiddance.com>. This site then allows the reader to access the complete bibliography.

Taylor & Francis

Names: A Journal of Onomastics is now published by Taylor & Francis in the UK. Here is a link to our journal on the Taylor & Francis website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ynam20/current#.V6J_bSh650g>. On the *Names* section of the website, it is possible to see a great deal of information including the contents of the current issue (accessible to current ANS members), most read articles, most cited articles, and much more. Visit the site and browse all of the possibilities.

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 ANS in January 2011 and published in the 2011 Editorial in *Names* 59(2): 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.

Submissions to *Names*

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