

Editorial

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Award for Best Article in Names: A Journal of Onomastics for 2016

For the eighth 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 on 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 winners are Gerrit Bloothoof and David Onland (Utrecht Institute of Linguistics, Utrecht University, The Netherlands) for their article entitled "Multiple First Names in the Netherlands (1760–2014)" published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 64(1): 3–18. A note on the award and the past winners appears in this issue of the journal. We would also like to express our gratitude 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. Kemp Williams (IBM)
3. Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University).

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 (Professor Emeritus, 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 (National University of Australia, Canberra, Australia)

9. Iman M. Nick (The Germanic Society for Forensic Linguistics, 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 Treasurer of the American Name Society. American Name Society President Iman Nick deserves credit for her tireless and continuous work in improving every aspect of the American Name Society. Finally, I wish to thank Taylor & Francis Production Editor, Robert Marsh, for his 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.

The American Name Society Website

ANS President, Iman Nick, Executive Council Member-at-Large, Lisa Spira, Ethnic Technologies (South Hackensack, NJ), and web-designer, Jennifer Moss, have worked very diligently to completely revise and update the American Name Society website. 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. The website contains an amazing amount of information about onomastics, and more is being added every month. If you want to know about names, this is the site to visit.

Special Issue of Names: A Journal of Onomastics

The final issue of volume 65: 4 (2017) will be edited by Iman Nick and Jan Tent on the theme “Indigenous Names and Toponyms.” It will deal with such issues as the transcription (spelling) of indigenous names and/or determining their meanings, indigenous naming practices, indigenous names as identity markers, the reinstallation of indigenous toponyms, the reclamation of indigenous language and culture through their names, and the appropriation of indigenous names. Dr Nick also edited three previous special issues of *Names*. The others were on the topics of “Names and War” (58: 4 [2010]), “Names and the Internet” (60: 4 [2012]), and “Names in Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Mystery” (64: 2 [2015]).