

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

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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: A Journal of Onomastics*. This award is now in its eighth year. Receipt of this award is a significant honor for the recipient(s) and it signifies the highest academic achievement in the field of onomastics.

The 2016 Award Committee for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* consists of the following individuals:

1. Michael F. McGoff, Binghamton University, SUNY, USA
2. Kemp Williams, IBM, USA
3. Dorothy Dodge Robbins, Louisiana Tech University, USA.

The Award Committee members deserve special mention for their exceptional work and dedication in reviewing all of the articles that appeared in volume 64 (2016) before making their final decision on this year's winner.

The Award Committee operates completely independently of the Editor. The award is given to only one article per year. The criteria include: (1) the significance of the article, and (2) the significance of the article to the science of onomastics. The decision of the Award Committee is final.

The award consists of a plaque that reads as follows:

The American Name Society  
Recognizes  
Name(s) of Author(s)  
For the Best Article to Appear in  
*Names: A Journal of Onomastics*  
For the Year 2016

The Award Committee has informed me that this year's award winners are Gerrit Bloothoof and David Onland, Utrecht Institute of Linguistics, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, whose article entitled "Multiple First Names in the Netherlands (1760–2014)" appeared in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 64(1): 3–18.

## Previous Award Winners

**2009.** Denis Huschka, German Institute for Economic Research and Economic Data, Jürgen Gerhards, Free University of Berlin and German Institute for Economic Research, and Gert G. Wagner, Berlin University of Technology, German Institute for Economic Research, and Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, for their article entitled “Naming Differences in Divided Germany” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 57(4): 208–228 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, Bruce L. Brown, and Iman Laversuch).

**2010.** Dr Małgorzata Rutkiewicz-Hanczewska, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, for her article entitled “Proper Names in the Polish Global Reality” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 58(3): 159–168 (Award Committee: Dwan Shipley, Edward Callary, and Michael McGoff).

**2011.** Carol G. Lombard, The University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, for her article entitled “The Sociocultural Significance of Niitsitapi Personal Names: An Ethnographic Analysis” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 59(1): 42–51 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Dwan Shipley).

**2012.** Stanley Brandes, University of California, Berkeley, for his article entitled “Dear Rin Tin Tin: An Analysis of William Safire’s Dog-Naming Survey from 1985” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 60(1): 3–14 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).

**2013.** Christopher L. Robinson, HEC-Paris, France, for his article entitled “What Makes the Names of Middle-Earth So Fitting? Elements of Style in the Namecraft of J. R. R. Tolkien” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 61(2): 65–74 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).

**2014.** R. Urbatsch, Iowa State University, for his article entitled “Alphabetical Effects on Political Careers” published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 62(4): 229–238 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).

**2015.** Michael Adams, Indiana University, Bloomington, 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 (Award Committee: Michael McGoff, John Algeo, and Kemp Williams).