

Editorial

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Names Cover

The inside front and back cover and the outside back cover of *Names* will be slightly different beginning with volume 66 (2018). It should be noted that there will be no changes to the front cover of the journal with its distinctive multilingual representation of the word for ‘names’. The original idea for the unique front cover for *Names* came from ANS Treasurer, Dr. Michael McGoff (Binghamton University, SUNY, USA), and we all appreciate his efforts. The inside and front and back covers will contain generic information about the journal in order to facilitate periodic updates in information by Taylor & Francis. The outside back cover will no longer contain a replication of the Table of Contents in order to avoid the possibility of a mismatch of information between the outside back cover and the Table of Contents.

American Name Society President Iman Nick’s Interview with the Co-Authors of the Best Article in *Names* for 2016

Dr. Iman Nick, President of the American Name Society, interviewed co-authors Gerrit Bloothoof and David Onland (Utrecht Institute of Linguistics, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands) concerning their article in *Names* entitled “Multiple First Names in the Netherlands (1760-2014)”, which received the annual award for best article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* for 2016. The award-winning essay appeared in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 64(1): 3-18. Here is the link for the complete interview: <http://explore.tandfonline.com/page/ah/names-article-of-the-year>.

American Name Society Name of the Year

Every year, the American Name Society votes for the Name of the Year during its annual meeting. Anyone may nominate a name by sending a nominated name and a short justification to the coordinator of the Name of the Year election. Last-minute nominations are accepted also from the floor during the ANS annual meeting. Nominations are judged based on their linguistic innovation, potential to influence language use, and ability to capture national attention. Popularity or notoriety is not deemed important.

In 2008, the ANS began choosing winners in four categories (Personal, Place, Trade, and Fictional Names) as well as the overall winner. All members of the American Name Society attending the annual meeting select the winners, which are usually announced together with the Word of the Year selected by the American Dialect Society.

More information about this annual event is available at the following link: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/about/names-of-the-year/>. Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University, NBE, USA) originated this tradition and the results are included in the second issue of *Names*. Information about this year's winner appears in this issue of the journal.

The American Name Society News Section

The news section of the American Name Society contains a great deal of useful information. Here is the link: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/news/>. The site contains articles about names and forthcoming onomastic conferences every month, and it is updated regularly. Furthermore, there is an archives section that features information from previous months on a monthly basis back to January 2015. Visit this site and find a veritable treasure trove of interesting information about names.

The American Name Society Annual Meeting

The next meeting of the American Name Society is January 4-7, 2018 to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America meeting. It will take place in Salt Lake City, UT. The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 30, 2017. Here is the link for more information about the annual conference: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/conferences/>. This site also contains information about past ANS meeting back to 2006.

Become a Member of the American Name Society

Focusing on the understanding of names in all forms, the Society provides members with several vehicles for the discussion and publication of onomastic theory, views and concepts: our annual meeting in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America, regional meetings, and a subscription to *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*. Here is a link for specific information on joining the ANS: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/membership/>. If you submit an article to *Names* and it is accepted, you must be a member of the ANS before it can be published.