

# Editorial

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## Special issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

This issue of *Names* (65: 4 [2017]), edited by Dr Iman Nick and Dr Jan Tent, addresses the theme of “Indigenous Names and Toponyms”. It deals 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]). Alleen Pace Nilsen and Don L. F. Nilsen served as co-editors of a special issue of the journal (56: 1 [2008]) with the theme of “Names and Ethnicity” when I began my tenure as editor of *Names*.

## Reminder about *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.

## Length of submissions

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