

Editorial

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Award for best article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* for 2017

For the ninth 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, 8–11 January 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 winner is Jan Tent (Australian National University, Canberra) for his article entitled "Indigenous Toponyms in the Antipodes: A Gazetteer-based Study", published in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 65(4): 204–214. This article appeared in the special issue of *Names* on Indigenous Names and Toponyms (65:4 2017). 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* the excellent journal that it is. They are:

- (1) John Algeo (Professor Emeritus, University of Georgia)
- (2) Edward Callary (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) I. M. Nick (German Society for Forensic Linguistics, Flensburg, Germany)
- (9) Peter E. Raper (University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa)

(10) Jan Tent (National University of Australia, Canberra, Australia)

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 Richard Hardiman for his work on *Names* and Ovija Murugesan of Taylor & Francis for her efforts for our journal. Likewise, I would like to thank Taylor & Francis managing editor (arts and humanities journals: linguistics, anthropology, and cultural studies) Lucy Sheach for her help.

Ten tips for academic peer review for journals

Professor Brian M. Lucey (School of Business Studies and Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity Collee Dublin, Ireland) offers 10 tips for peer review for journals: (1) be professional; (2) be pleasant; (3) read the invite; (4) be helpful; (5) be scientific; (6) be timely and swift; (7) be realistic; (8) be empathic; (9) be open; and (10) be organized. The complete paper is available at the following website: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2331281>. I am pleased to say that our reviewers follow these guidelines.

Some changes coming to *Names*: A Journal of Onomastics

American Name Society members, readers of *Names*, and contributors to our journal should be aware that some format changes are coming to *Names*. These include a new layout design. Furthermore, there will be a change in the reference style. The purpose of these changes is to ensure a uniform format for all Taylor & Francis journals. This will include the Chicago author-date style. Information about this is available at the following links.

http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/reference/tf_ChicagoAD.pdf

<http://endnote.com/downloads/style/tf-standard-chicago-author-date>

More information on these changes will be forthcoming. At this time, please continue to submit articles, notes, and reviews in the usual format. The changes will be announced in the quarterly editorial page later in 2018. We thank you for your cooperation.