

Editorial

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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. The layout design relates to the type font, which will be either Minion Pro (default) a serif font, or Myriad Pro, a sans serif font. A decision has not yet been made about this.

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.

American Name Society Website

The American Name Society's website (<http://www.americannamesociety.org/>) is a veritable cornucopia of valuable information including information about the ANS, membership information, conferences, the journal (*Names: A Journal of Onomastics*), and news. I would like to highlight the news section of the website. Each month, there are news items from around the world that address issues related to names and naming including personal names, place names, pet names, names in literature, brand names, names in translation, and much more. There is also an archival section, which contains all of the onomastic stories posted by month and dating back to January 2015.

Requirements for submissions to *Names*

Several recent submissions to the journal indicate that authors have not paid attention to the following requirement for submissions to *Names*. We ask that all authors read and comply with this prerequisite for submissions to the journal. Following these rules will facilitate the processing of submissions, and it will expedite editorial responses. This policy was decided at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Name Society January 2011 and published in the Editorial in *Names* 59:2 (2011), 65:

Names is dedicated to publishing a broad diversity of previously unpublished scholarly articles and book reviews in the field of onomastics. Authors from every corner of the world are therefore warmly encouraged to submit their work. Please be aware, however, that *Names* requires all submissions to adhere to US American English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and style. All manuscripts must be scrupulously edited before submission to ensure the highest standard of academic writing. Work with numerous factual, typographical, and/or grammatical errors will not be accepted for peer review. Before submission, it is therefore strongly recommended that all manuscripts be carefully edited for style, content, and grammar by an experienced proofreader who is a native-speaker of US American English. Any contractual arrangement, which the author(s) may enter into will, however, be exclusively the sole financial responsibility of the author(s). Please be aware that the use of professional proofreading services will in no way guarantee the acceptance of a submission by the review committee and Journal editorial staff. However, the failure to appropriately edit a submission will automatically be considered sufficient grounds for immediate, unqualified rejection.

Submissions to *Names*

Names, A Journal of Onomastics, publishes articles of general, theoretical, and topical interest; reviews of recent books and other significant resources; queries; notes; and comments of concern to onomastics. Reports of original research in onomastics as well as redactions and summaries of existing research are welcome. *Names* is a fully-refereed journal; manuscripts of articles are read and evaluated anonymously by at least two qualified scholars. Membership in the American Name Society is not required for initial submission to *Names*; manuscripts from non-members and from scholars in related disciplines are encouraged. Once an article is accepted for publication in *Names*, the author **must** join the American Name Society.

Tips on preparing a manuscript for publication

The Council of Editors of Learned Journals provides a very useful set of tips for preparing a manuscript for publication at this link: http://www.celj.org/resources/Documents/celj_informal-tips-on-publishing.pdf, which has a downloadable PDF, and it addresses the following points: (1) Developing and writing the essay; (2) revising; (3) researching possible venues; (4) preparing the manuscript for submission; (5) when the review process is complete; and (6) general advice.