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#### Editor's Note

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## Salt Lake City 2018

### ANS Members to Meet in Salt Lake City January 4-7, 2018

Informative, persuasive, intriguing, productive, scholarly, collegial, and celebratory. These seven descriptors define the attendant atmosphere at an American Name Society conference. Soon onomasticians from around the world will meet in Utah for the annual American Name Society conference to be held at the Grand American Hotel in Salt Lake City, January 4-7, 2018.



*Salt Lake City*

Scholars from Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, South Korea, Kuwait, and the United States have been selected to share their research in chaired panel sessions. Names scholars within the United States will travel to Salt Lake City from states including Florida, Maryland, Louisiana, Ohio, North Carolina, California, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Utah, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Virginia as well as Washington, D.C.

Abstracts submitted for consideration were blind peer-reviewed in August 2018 by reputable names scholars from fields including sociology,

literature, business, geography, and linguistics. Applicants were notified of their acceptance status in early September.

Paper sessions on Institutional Naming, Name Changes, Names in the News, Names in Society, Naming Practices, and Names in Literature are scheduled throughout the day on Friday, January 5. Paper sessions on Interpreting Names, Names and Linguistics, Novel Names, Naming Places, Indigenous Names and Naming, Names and Toponymy, and Names in the Work Place are scheduled for Saturday, January 6.

Other ANS conference-related events and activities include two keynote addresses, the Name of the Year voting, and the ANS celebratory banquet, this year to be held at Salt Lake City's Squatters. While at the conference, participants may also attend sessions sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America and our sister societies.



*Salt Lake City's Squatters*

The first keynote address will be delivered on Friday, January 5, by Mr. Van Celaya, a researcher and instructor at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. A specialist in genealogy, Celaya will speak about "Fast, Accurate Research for Family History" on Friday, January 5, at 2 p.m. The second keynote will be delivered by Dr. Jeff Yule, a professor at Dixie State University. An environmental biologist, Yule will present on "Naming Extinctions and Navigating Extinction Borders."

At the Name of the Year session, Cleveland Evans will preside over the selection of the names of the year. Categories for Names of the Year include place names, personal names, trade names, and literary/fictional names. All attending ANS members may cast their votes. Once the winning names have been selected for

each of the individual categories, a final vote for Name of the Year is cast. The Name of the Year session meets at noon on Friday, January 5. If you have not already submitted your choice for name of the year, it is not too late. Advance nominations will be accepted until January 2, 2018.

The restaurant Squatters has been chosen as the site for the 2018 American Name Society banquet. Squatters is a brewpub that specializes in serving eclectic pub fare. The restaurant features a relaxed atmosphere and serves seasonal and year-round craft beers. Squatters is located near the Grand America Hotel. The ANS banquet will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6.



*Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City*

Business matters associated with the society's operations are also attended to at the annual conference. Executive Council meetings book end the conference proceedings. A third meeting, the annual ANS Business Meeting is open to conference participants. At this session, the 2018 slate of ANS officers is presented and awards, such as the Article of the Year, are announced. The Business Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6.

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

### **In and Around Salt Lake City: What to See and Do**

With an average high of 34° and low of 20° F. for the month of January, Salt Lake City is an excellent site for sightseeing and out-of-door exploration.

Among the highlights for the adventurous are the State Capitol, Temple Square, the Pioneer Memorial Museum, and the Tabernacle, home of the internationally acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir.



*Capitol Theatre*

For those looking for cultural activities, check out the Capitol Theatre, Abravanel Hall, and the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art.



*Utah Museum of Contemporary Art*

Explore Sugarhouse Park if you like winter-time jogging or Red Butte Garden for a casual stroll.

If history is your thing, don't miss the Church History Museum, the Joseph Smith Memorial, or the Wheeler Historic Farm.



*The Wheeler Historic Farm*

If skiing is where you find thrills, not far from downtown are numerous topnotch resorts, such as Brighton, Snowbird, and Solitude.

Naturally, no visit is complete without quality dining. Among the massive number of eateries in the city are Takashi (Japanese), Bombay House (Indian), Bambara (International), and Log Haven (American).

And of course, last but not least, how about the "nightlife scene" in beautiful Salt Lake. There is the Bayou (far from Louisiana!), Squatters Pub Brewery, and Porcupine Club and Grille.

Finally, while in the area, why not take in one of America's magnificent National Parks: Canyonlands, Arches, Zion, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and though not a national park, the Great Salt Lake itself.

Bon voyage, all. If you don't have a good time, it won't be Salt Lake City's fault!

*Kenneth Robbins  
ANS Member*

### **ANS Panel at MLA *Literary Wordplay with Names***

The 2018 MLA Annual Convention will take place in New York City, 4–7 January, in the New York Hilton Midtown and the Sheraton New York Times Square.



*The 133<sup>rd</sup> MLA Annual Convention*

As tradition goes, the American Name Society will be present with a session on names and naming at the Modern Language Association's annual conference. This year our session will be moderated by Andreas Gavrielatos, ANS Allied Conference Coordinator. The session, titled

*Literary Wordplay with Names*, will be held on January 6 at 01:45 and will feature the following very promising presentations:

- *The Place-Name Double: Reconfiguring Space in the Euro-American Imaginary*  
ELIN KACK (Linköping University);
- *“It Is God’s Spelling and Mine”: Epic Errors and the Evolution of a Genre in Derek Walcott’s Omeros*  
RYAN HACKENBRACHT (Texas Tech University);
- *Names, Wit, and Wordplay in Wilde*  
THOMAS WISNIEWSKI (Harvard University).

*Luisa Caiazzo*

## NAME OF THE YEAR 2017 Call for Nominations

The American Name Society requests nominations for the “Names of the Year for 2017”. The names selected will be ones that best illustrates, through their creation and/or use during the past 12 months, important trends in the culture of the United States and Canada.



*Aleppo: Name of the Year 2016*  
(from the American Name society website)

Nominations are called for in the four following categories:

**Personal Names:** Names or nicknames of individual real people, animals, or hurricanes.

**Place Names:** Names or nicknames of any real geographical location, including all natural features, political subdivisions, streets, and buildings. Names of national or ethnic groups would be included here.

**Trade Names:** Names of real commercial products, as well as names of both for-profit and non-profit companies and organizations, including businesses, universities, and political parties.

**Fictional/Literary Names:** Names of fictional persons, places, or institutions, in any written, oral, or visual medium, as well as titles of art works, books, plays, television programs, or movies.

Winners will be chosen in each category, and then a final vote will determine the overall **Name of the Year** for 2017. Anyone may nominate a name. All members of the American Name Society attending the annual meeting will select the winner from among the nominees at the annual ANS meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 5, 2018. The winner will be announced that evening at a joint celebration with the American Dialect Society.

**Advance nominations must be received before January 2, 2018.** Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Please send your nominations, along with a brief rationale, by surface mail or e-mail to:

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*Cleveland Evans*

## LSA minicourses

The LSA is offering four minicourses in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Meeting, on a variety of scholarly and professional development topics. Here is a list of the courses that will be held on Thursday, January 5:

- *Big Data: Complex Systems and Text Analysis.*  
Instructors: Allison Burkette (University of Mississippi), Jacqueline Hettel (Arizona State University), Bill Kretzschmar (University of Georgia)
- *Computing Sentiment, Emotion, and Personality.*  
Instructor: Jason Baldrige (University of Texas at Austin)

- *Innovative Pedagogy in the Linguistics Classroom*. Instructors: Jon Bakos (Indiana State University), Ann Bunger (Indiana University), Lynn Burley (University of Central Arkansas), Elizabeth Canon (Missouri Western State University), Gaillynn Clements (Duke University/UNC-School of the Arts), Sonja Launspach (Idaho State University), Michal Temkin Martinez (Boise State University), Miranda McCarvel (University of Utah)
- *Praat Beyond the Basics: Measurement, Manipulation, Automation, and More* (Will Styler, University of Michigan)

More information about the Minicourses and on how to register is available at <https://www.linguisticsociety.org/content/2017-annual-meeting-minicourses-0>

*Luisa Caiazzo*

## Conference Registration

Registration is still open. The registration form is available both on the American Name Society website at <http://www.americannamesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/ANS-2018-Conference-Registration-Form.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter. Members may register at the conference.

## President's Note

Hello Everyone,

As always, I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in happy and well. It is hard to believe that yet another year is drawing to a close. 2017 was, for many of us around the world, a time of dramatic change. The American Name Society and its Executive Council included.



For example, our very first Membership Officer, Jennifer Moss, will be stepping down from her office. During her tenure, she was not only instrumental in re-organizing the membership rosters of the ANS, but she was also one of the chief designers of our new ANS website. Without her magic, we would not be where we are today. I would like then to take this opportunity, on behalf of our ANS community, to thank Jennifer for sharing her incredible expertise and to wish her well for all of her future endeavors.

The other person who will be stepping down from the ANS-EC is our fearless Treasurer, Michael Mc Goff. To be honest, it is impossible for me to put into words what Michael has meant to this Society. His smile, his integrity, his steadfastness, his scholarship, his kindness, and his wisdom have not only been a force of goodness in this Society for decades and they will continue to serve as a powerful inspiration to us all. It is then with the greatest of respect, gratitude, and affection that we say thank you to Michael.

At the same time that 2017 is marked by these farewells, 2018 begins by welcoming many bright new and a few wonderfully familiar faces. As was already posted on the ANS website, this year's Nominating Committee is very pleased to present a stellar slate of outstanding professionals to the ANS-EC. I would like to express my gratitude to these ANS members for generously volunteering their time and talents to the ANS-EC. No doubt, the ideas, energy, and enthusiasm each of these experts will bring to

the table will further enrich and invigorate both the Council and the Society at large.

On that note, may I also encourage each of you to continue to share your own ideas and suggestions with the ANS-EC. Your voice is always warmly welcomed.

My very best wishes to all of the members of the ANS family!

*Iman Nick*

## From the Nominating Committee

### Slate of Candidates

As was already posted on the ANS website, the members of the 2017 Nominating Committee (Drs. Chris DeVinne, I. M. Nick, Dorothy Dodge Robbins) announced that they received a very strong, international set of applications.

Given the success of the 2016 application process, the same procedure was used again for 2017. All applicants were required to complete an official form that not only requested information regarding each applicant's background (e.g. affiliation, education, and contact information on formal references), but also required short answers to the following four points: 1.) primary area(s) of onomastic interest; 2.) educational/professional background; 3.) skills/qualifications which each candidate felt made him/her appropriate for the desired position; 4.) professional goals should the applicant be selected.

Based on the information provided in the formal applications, the members of the review committee independently reviewed each of the applicants for the following characteristics: 1.) expertise in onomastics; 2.) appropriateness of the applicant's background for the desired position; 3.) the strength of the candidate's self-description with respect to the required duties; 4.) communication skills; and 5.) overall strength of the references provided. After this assessment, the Committee unanimously agreed on the following slate of candidates:

### 1.) ANS TREASURER



*Sandra Wright*

Sandra Wright is a Professor of Linguistics at California State University, Chico, and the Associate Chair of the Department of English. Her most recent research focuses on binomial name pairs, names in professional contexts, titles of address, and the biases associated with different address forms in English.

### 2.) MEMBER-AT-LARGE



*Marco Syrayama De Pinto*

Marco Syrayama De Pinto's primary area of onomastic interest has to do with Turkish proper names. He has recently presented a paper in a conference in Porto, Portugal about the proper names (and place names) in human Landscapes from his country. Marco majored in Arabic language and literature at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, where he also received his MA. He is currently completing his PhD in Translation Studies. His PhD dissertation explores the modernistic language used by Oğuz Atay in his *Tutunamayanlar*, a work that is similar in many respects to James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

## 3.) MEMBERSHIP OFFICER



*David Robertson*

**David Robertson** earned his PhD from the University of Victoria, BC. The title of his dissertation was ‘Kamloops Chinúk Wawa, Chinuk pipa, and the vitality of pidgins.’ His research centers on endangered language documentation and revitalization and indigenous onomastics. More specifically, his research concerns Native American and Canadian First Nations naming, and historical changes in those practices. In 2015, he was awarded the ANS Emerging Scholar Award for his article “Naming Chinook Jargon.”

## 4.) ALLIED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR



*Andreas Gavrielatos*

**Andreas Gavrielatos** holds this position currently and was selected to extend his term. Since holding this office, he has successfully organized ANS sessions at the Modern Language Association on such topics as “Literary Wordplay with Names” (2018, New York City, NY) and “Names and Multilingualism” (2017 Philadelphia, PA). Andreas obtained his PhD in Classics from the University of Leeds (UK). His onomastic scholarship encompasses classical philology and multilingualism. Currently he is a Teaching Fellow at the University of Reading.

## 5.) FACEBOOK SIG COORDINATORS

## a.) Personal Names



*Maryann Parada*

**Maryann Parada**, past winner of the ANS Emerging Scholar Award, recently completed her doctorate in Spanish linguistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her thesis focused on the lexicon of two generations of Spanish-Swedish-English trilingual ethnic Chileans in Sweden. She is an active user of Facebook and routinely shares the ANS posts across her feed. If elected to this office, her goal would be to facilitate the broad circulation of onomastics news items, reflecting a wide variety of contexts and issues. This virtual interaction would in turn help to foster collaboration and mutual support by organizing SIG gatherings at our annual meeting.

## b.) Place Names



*Evgeny Shokhenmayer*

**Evgeny Shokhenmayer** earned his PhD in General Linguistics (Section 7) at the Paris X University (2009). His thesis was entitled (translated into English) "Associative fields of proper names and mechanisms of textual comprehension". Since 2002, he has published ca 20 articles in French, 10 in English and 5 in Russian on onomastics. He is the blogger behind the internationally recognized website “e-

Onomastics". This website has hundreds of millions of users on Facebook.

### c.) Trade Names



*Mirko Casagranda*

**Mirko Casagranda**, a former ANS Member-at-Large, is an Associate Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Calabria, Italy. His areas of interest include Postcolonial Englishes, Translation Studies and Onomastics. He is a member at large of the Executive Council of the American Name Society.

### d.) Literary Names



*Susan Behrens*

**Susan Behrens** is Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Marymount Manhattan College, and Director of MMC's Center for Teaching Innovation and Excellence. She is the author of *Understanding Language Use in the Classroom* (Multilingual Matters, 2018, 2014), *Grammar: A Pocket Guide* (Routledge, 2010), and *Language in the Real World: An Introduction to Linguistics* (co-edited with Judith A. Parker, Routledge, 2010.) Sue also contributes weekly writing and English composition lesson plans to The New York Times at [nytimesineducation.com](http://nytimesineducation.com).

During the ANS annual meeting in Salt Lake City, the slate of nominees will be formally presented to the ANS membership for the election process.

## *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*

### From the Journal Editor



Volume 66 (2018) of *Names* is in preparation. American Name Society members and readers of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* will find many articles of great interest in the forthcoming volume.

Here are some of the articles scheduled to

appear in *Names* 66 (2018):

- Of Authenticity and Assimilation: Names of American Chinese Restaurants  
LINDSEY N. H. CHEN
- Understanding St. Louis' Love of *Hoosier*  
DANIEL DUNCAN
- Out-of-the-Blue Names of Paint Colors  
JAN TENT
- It Takes an Act of Congress or Does It? Naming Practices of VA Facilities  
ALICE CROSETTO and THOMAS ATWOOD

There will also be some book reviews.

*Frank Nuessel*

### From the Book Editor

Thank you to all members who have suggested new titles for book reviews. Place names books continue to appear, especially in international contexts, as well as books in disciplinary areas that blend onomastics with linguistics and cultural studies. Members who would like to contribute reviews in these or any fields should please send contact information to Chris De Vinne, <[cdevinne@ursuline.edu](mailto:cdevinne@ursuline.edu)>.

*Chris De Vinne*



## ANS Executive Council for 2017

### End-of-year Reports

#### *ANS Officers*

##### **ANS PRESIDENT**

*Iman Nick*

Since my last report, my time has been primarily spent in the following activities: answering inquiries from the general public, government officials, and journalists concerning names and naming practices; co-editing a special issue of Names with our member-at-large Jan Tent on indigenous names and naming; writing notes for the ANS Journal; assisting our Vice President, Dorothy Dodge Robbins to organize the ANS annual conference in Salt Lake City; assisting an ANS-EC subcommittee in the process of reviewing our ANS Bylaws; reviewing abstract submissions for the Salt Lake City conference; coordinating with our publisher, Taylor & Frances to continue to improve member services; chairing the Nominating Committee to search for and select this year's slate of nominees; coordinating the renovation of the ANS website on Wikipedia; co-editing the ANS newsletters; coordinating with Frank and Laurel, our ANS Journal Editor and Information Officer to create a new segment of the ANS website that features articles for the general public; writing regular tweets for the ANS website (ca. 200 since January 2017).

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##### **VICE PRESIDENT**

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

My primary duty as the ANS Vice President is to assist Iman Nick, ANS President, with conference planning throughout the calendar year. My pre-conference tasks have included distributing the Call for Papers, collecting submissions, securing peer reviewers, disseminating abstracts to peer reviewers, contacting scholars whose papers were accepted (with or without revision), and sending out registration forms to conference attendees. I

secured two keynote speakers who will address our society in Salt Lake City. In addition to ongoing conference planning, in June I opened a bank account for the ANS with Chase Bank in order that our funds may be transferred from our Binghamton University account upon Michael Goff's forthcoming retirement. Also, I have worked with fellow officers on bylaw revisions and assisted with preparing the slate of candidates for the forthcoming 2018 EC positions. Recently, I served on the Article of the Year committee. I have prepared articles for publication in the ANS Newsletter. Still more recent tasks have included preparing the schedule for the ANS conference and providing ANS abstracts to the LSA for publication in their program. Currently, I am preparing the ANS conference program for printing and distribution.

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##### **SECRETARY**

*Luisa Caiazzo*

I served as a blind reviewer of some of the proposals submitted for the ANS Annual Meeting in SLC.

I prepared and edited the Fall and Winter issues (2017) of the ANS Newsletter.

Contributions were solicited from members, some sections were written by myself. As editor, I was responsible for layout and design. Both issues were disseminated to members via email. I served as the teller for the ANS voting for the ANS bylaws revision.

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##### **COORDINATOR OF THE NAME OF THE YEAR ELECTION**

*Cleveland Evans*

Report of the Name of the Year Committee

For 2016 we had twenty-seven total nominees, four less than for 2015. Twenty-five nominations were made by email, and two were nominated from the floor.

Brexit and Uber tied for Trade Names of the Year, the first tie ever in any category. The Place Name of the Year was Aleppo, name of the city in Syria. The Personal Name of the Year was

Drumpf, an earlier form of the surname Trump. The Fictional Name of the Year was Hamilton, title of the popular Broadway musical.

Aleppo won as overall Name of the Year by three votes over Drumpf.

The Call for Nominations for Name of the Year for 2017 was sent out November 27, 2017. As of December 12, 2017 one nomination had been received by email: “Harvey” for Personal Name of the Year, due to its being both a major hurricane and newsworthy in the Harvey Weinstein scandal.

At the 2017 Austin meeting, Debbie A. Leggett and Deborah Walker volunteered as members of the Name of the Year Committee. They will help the chair decide on which category to place nominations in when the nominator does not make that clear.

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**ALLIED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR**

*Andreas Gavrielatos*

The ANS will participate in the 2018 MLA Convention with the panel “Literary Wordplay with Names”. The Call for Papers was issued and disseminated among the members of the ANS alongside the visitors of the ANS website, various blogs with a relevant interest, and several e-mail lists of researchers in Linguistics and different strands of Literature. The final deadline for this year was 15 March 2017.

We received a high number of proposals of exceptional quality, addressing issues and proposing papers from a wide range of periods in world literature. After careful review by volunteers with an interest and experience in the field, three papers were selected. Namely (in random order): *Place Name Double: Reconfiguring Space in the Euro-American Imaginary* by Elin Käck (Sweden), “*It is God’s spelling and mine*”: *Epic Errors and the Evolution of a Genre in Derek Walcott’s Omeros* by Ryan Hackenbracht (U.S.A.), and *Names, Wit, and Wordplay in Wilde* by Thomas Patrick Wisniewski (U.S.A.) The three papers are indicative of the three main topics addressed by the entirety of the received proposals, they reflect current trends in the study of Literary

Onomastics, and they evince the inclusive character of the ANS.

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**TREASURER**

*Michael F. McGoff*

A document was provided in hardcopy. \*

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**EDITOR**

***NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS***

*Frank Nuessel*

Summary of activities for 2017:

1. published four issues of *Names* in a timely fashion;
2. published a special issue of the journal 65:4 (2017) on “Indigenous Names and Toponyms” edited by Jan Tent and Iman Nick;
3. published 18 articles, 5 notes, 5 reviews, Award for Best Article in *Names* volume 64 (2016), and Report on Name of the Year by Cleveland Evans;
4. submitted materials (articles, notes, reviews, and Award for Best Article in *Names* for 2017) for volume 66 (2018);
5. prepared a detailed report for the Executive Council of the American Name Society;
6. Chris De Vinne (Review Editor) continues to provide excellent timely reviews for the journal.

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**BOOK EDITOR**

***NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS***

*Christine De Vinne*

Summary of activities for 2017:

1. served on the 2017 ANS Nominating Committee;
2. published the following book review: *A Dictionary of First Names*. By Patrick Hanks, Flavia Hodges, and Kate

\* If you would like to read the full version, please contact our Treasurer directly.

- Hardcastle. *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, 17 July 2017, doi:10.1080/00277738.2017.1344461;
3. presented the following conference paper on the ANS panel at the 2017 MLA annual meeting: "Multilingual Naming and the Catholicity of Saints," Modern Language Association (MLA), Philadelphia, January 2017;
  4. in my role as book review editor and member of the Editorial Board of *Names*, under the excellent direction of Frank Nuessel:
    - a. edited 9 book reviews for publication
    - b. evaluated 34 manuscripts for publication
  5. there are approximately 8 books in the hands of reviewers for reviews in upcoming issues of *Names*.

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### **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

*Jennifer Moss*

As of the report dated 9/25/2017 (last one I received from T&F) - we have 171 active Members, 36 of which are student and 27 life members. In cooperation with the other members of the ANS-EC, I have created two surveys, which will be active until December 31 2017:

- ANS Current Member Survey:  
<<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANSmember17>>
- ANS Past Member Survey:  
<<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANS17past>>

I will post the results online during the first week of January.

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### **INFORMATION OFFICER**

*Laurel Sutton*

Working closely with our ANS President, Iman Nick, I have continued to post onomastic news items daily to the website, Facebook, and Twitter. The biggest achievement of 2017 was scanning and posting the complete archives of the Ehrensperger Report to the website in PDF format. I also created a form to handle applications for Executive Council positions.

Looking ahead to 2018, we have plans to expand the content of the website to include selected material from our journal, *Names*, and to simplify membership registration. Suggestions for additional website content are always welcome!

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### *Members-at-Large*

#### **MEMBER AT LARGE (2015-2017)**

*Mirko Casagrande*

I wrote a short description for each Name of the Year listed on the ANS website (2004-2016). The short texts focus on the story of each name, their meaning and why they are interesting from an onomastic point of view. In June, I voted on a number of revisions to the ANS Bylaws, while in July I reviewed abstracts for the 2018 ANS annual meeting in Salt Lake City. Moreover, in December I evaluated the paper submitted for the 2018 ANSESA award together with Dr. Tent and Mr. Cheng.

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#### **MEMBER AT LARGE (2016-2018)**

*Jan Tent*

I have co-edited the special issue of *Names* on indigenous names with President Iman Nick, as well as chaired the ANS ESA. We only had one submission which was reviewed. However the ESA could not be given because of the poor quality of the paper.

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#### **MEMBER AT LARGE (2014-2016)**

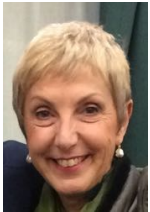
*Jason Chen*

As Member-at-Large, I provided our ANS President, Iman Nick, feedback on the ANS survey, with comments on the proposed questions. Furthermore, over the past few months, I served as a reviewer for the 2018 ANS Emerging Scholar Award in collaboration with Members-at-Large Jan Tent and Mirko Casagrande.

## Editor's Message

Dear ANS Members,

At this time of the year, when our annual meeting gets closer, my thoughts go to the pleasure of meeting many of you again.



Not to mention the pleasure of attending our conference and getting insights from the very promising presentations on schedule. Just looking through the programme at the end of this issue is a treat. Salt Lake City itself draws our attention as well, all the more so after reading the piece we received from our member Ken Robbins!

I also feel thrilled because we are increasingly getting material from all of you, which makes our Society even more lively. I encourage you to keep contributing, because sharing news and experiences makes our sense of community even stronger. Sample material we would welcome for our next Spring issue includes calls for papers, articles, photos, interviews, reviews, comments, stories, and reports on onomastic events. Please send your contributions **by February 20, 2018**.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your helpful commentary, generous support and suggestions. My special thanks go to our President Iman Nick and our Vice President Dorothy Dodge Robbins for the pieces they sent and their very special editing and support!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year!

*Luisa Caiazzo*

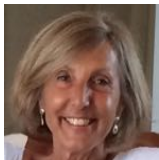
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## 2018 American Name Society Annual Meeting REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy and send this form and payment to Michael F. McGoff, Treasurer, American Name Society, State University of New York at Binghamton, Office of the Provost (AD 711), Binghamton, NY 13902-6000. Alternatively, you may email your completed form as a PDF. Please use the following email address: <mmcgoff@binghamton.edu>

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Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** To be either a participant in or a presenter at the 2018 ANS Annual Meeting, one must meet all of the following criteria: 1.) hold current ANS membership; 2.) register with both the LSA and ANS at the appropriate level; and 3.) complete and submit this form to the above address.

**1. ANS Membership:** Please pay your 2018 ANS dues: information and the appropriate link may be found at <<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/members.htm>>

**2. LSA Registration:** LSA registration will work a little differently than in previous years. You will need to go to the 2018 Annual Meeting page on the new LSA website <http://www.linguisticsociety.org/event/lsa-2018-annual-meeting#registration>. At the top of the page, you will see a large red button that says “Register for Meeting.” Go through the registration process, registering either as a regular (non-student) or as a student. Your shopping cart will initially reflect the nonmember rate, but you will have an opportunity to enter a coupon code. The LSA will provide a code that will allow ANS members to receive the LSA member registration rate even if they are not LSA members themselves. Discounts will be automatically applied to reduce registrations to the special member rates. At the checkout, you will be able to either pay immediately online with a credit card; or to pay later offline by clicking on the “pay offline” option to generate an invoice for your institution. The LSA also has a pdf registration form available. If you have problems with LSA registration, please contact David Robinson [drobinson@lsadc.org](mailto:d robinson@lsadc.org). The registration fees are as follows:

Preregistration (September 1 through December 13)	Late/Onsite (after December 13)
Student \$78	Students \$115
Nonstudents \$240	Nonstudents \$310

**3. LSA Hotel:** ANS members may also take advantage of the hotel room rates negotiated by the LSA at the Grand America. The special LSA room rates for the 2018 Annual Meeting are as follows. A Single/Double is \$124/night. A Triple is \$134/night. A Quad is \$144/night. Student Rooms are available at the Little America Hotel for the following

rates. A Student Single/Double is \$94/night. A Student Triple is \$104/night. A Student Quad is \$114/night. To make a reservation by telephone, please call (801) 258-6000. Online reservations may be made at <[www.grandamerica.com](http://www.grandamerica.com)>. Be sure to mention you would like the "Linguistic Society of America Room Rate". ANS members are asked to use the designated website when reserving a room online.

**4. ANS Registration:** To cover expenses that are related to the annual meeting but are not covered by the LSA registration fee, participants and presenters are asked to register with ANS at the appropriate level.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Emeritus/Spouse/Guest(s)/Student \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

**5. ANS Dinner:** The traditional ANS dinner will include vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, dessert, soft drinks, coffee and tea. The price includes taxes and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase. In addition to paying for yourself and your guest(s), please consider hosting a graduate student or an international member for this occasion. This year's dinner will be held at Squatters in the private Grain Room.

For organizational purposes, please be sure to indicate whether or not you would prefer the vegetarian or non-vegetarian meal option.

Member, Spouse, and Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Hosting Graduate Student(s) and/or International Members(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of vegetarian meals ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of non-vegetarian meals ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

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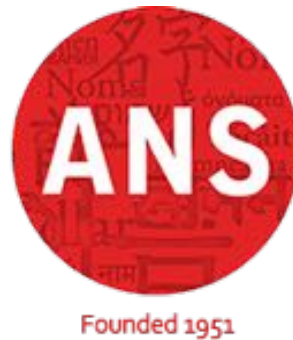
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## 2018 American Name Society Annual Meeting PROGRAMME

### *Thursday, January 4, 2018*

#### **Executive Council Meeting**

Room: Versailles

Time: 3:00-6:00 PM

### *Friday, January 5, 2018*

#### **Conference Opening Address**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University)

Time: 8:15-8:30 AM

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#### **Institutional Naming**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University)

8:30 *Christine De Vinne (Ursuline College)*: Reconciling and renaming a legacy of slavery at Georgetown University

9:00 *Candace Caraco (University of Baltimore)*: University renaming and reshaping of American higher education

9:30 *Lisa Abney (Northwestern State University of Louisiana)*: Naming practices in alcohol and drug recovery centers, adult daycares, and private hospitals

#### **Name Changes**

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Sandra Wright (California State University, Chico)

8:30 *Luisa Caiazzo (University of Basilicata)*: Taking Columbus Day off calendar: (re) naming and identity



9:00 *Yi-An Chen (University of Florida)*: Why do Taiwanese adopt English names? Online discourses of English naming practices

9:30 *Nicholas Waters (Independent Scholar)*: The lost Ssons of Kansas

#### **Names in the News**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Michael McGoff (SUNY Binghamton)

10:15 *Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University)*: Elvis and Madonna and Bubba and Rogene: more things learned from writing a newspaper column on given names

10:45 *Lewis Esposito (Stanford University)*: Nicknaming as stance taking

11:15 *Mirko Casagrande (University of Calabria)*: Welcome to Trumplandia: onomastic creativity and Trumpian neologisms on Twitter

#### **Names and Society**

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Yi-An Chen (University of Florida)

10:15 *Oswald Chanda Penda (Pensulo Publishers Limited)*: Toward name regulation in Zambia: a cultural preservation perspective

10:45 *Jones Ayuwo (University of Port Harcourt)*: A socio-semantic analysis of Obolo anthroponyms

11:15 *Advice Viriri (Midlands State University)*: Personalized number plates, satire, and the grotesque: a celebration and conspicuous display of wealth in post-independence Zambia

#### **Names of the Year Selection**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University)

Time: 12:00-1:00 PM

#### **Keynote Speech I**

Room: Meeting Room A

Chair: Brad Wilcox (Brigham Young University)

Time: 2:00- 3:00 PM

*Van Celaya (Family History Library, SLC)*  
Fast Accurate Research for Family History

#### **Naming Practices**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Kemp Williams (IBM)

3:30 *Carly Dickerson (The Ohio State University), Zef Ortegu (Independent Scholar)*: My father's child: naming practices in the northern Albanian highlands

4:00 *Francinah Mokgobo Kanyane (University of South Africa)*: Pragma-linguistic naming in Sepedi/Sesotho sa Leboa

#### **Names in Literature**

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Kenneth Robbins (Louisiana Tech University)

3:30 *Cordelia Khoza (University of South Africa)*: An onomastic look into titles of Xitsonga literary texts

4:00 *Taylor Halverson (Brigham Young University), Brad Wilcox (Brigham Young University):* The literary purpose of Hebrew and Egyptian paronomasia in ancient scripture

### **Saturday, January 6, 2018**

#### **Interpreting Names**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Lisa Spira (Ethnic Technologies)

8:30 *Amy Franz (Ethnic Technologies):* The difference between Ariel and Ariel: gender, ethnicity, and names

9:00 *Ellen Osterhaus (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire):* The role of syllable structure in name interpretation

9:30 *Giulia Petitta (Gallaudet University), Valerie Dively (Gallaudet University), Mark Halley (Gallaudet University), Marc Holmes (Gallaudet University), Brenda Nicodemus (Gallaudet University):* “Can you spell that for the interpreter?”: managing name signs in team interpreting

#### **Names and Linguistics**

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Michel Nguessan (Governors State University)

8:30 *Amin Almuhanha (Kuwait University), Jean-François Prunet (Kuwait University):* On the morphological complexity of English

9:00 *Jeremiah Anene Nwankwegu (Ebonyi State University):* Syntax of Igbo personal names

9:30 *Jong-mi Kim (Kangwon National University):* Linguistics of naming

#### **Novel Names**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Chris De Vinne (Ursuline College)

10:15 *Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University):* The descendents: Shakespeare’s namesakes in contemporary fiction

10:45 *Claudia Drieling (North Carolina A&T State University):* Olaudah in Germany: boundary conditions and onomastic resistance in Michael Götting’s *Contrapunctus*

11:15 *Ken Robbins (Louisiana Tech University):* “Call me Shane”: names as intensifiers in Jack Shaefer’s tale

#### **Naming Places**

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Peter Raper (University of the Free State)

10:15 *Marivic Lesho (University of Bremen), Eeva Sippola (University of Bremen):* Historical changes in place names in Metro Manila and Cavite, Philippines

10:45 *Adianys Collazo Allen (Swiss Society of Hispanic Studies):* Two, three, or more designations to name the Havana routes: allonyms in the street naming of Cuba’s capitol

11:15 *Sandra Wright (California State University, Chico), Richard Hunt (Peloton Research Partners):* Residential development names: a comparison of suburban vs. urban naming trends

#### **Indigenous Names and Naming**

Room: Versailles

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University)

- 12:45 *Peter Raper (University of the Free State)*: Indigenous Bushman (san) influence on place-names in Southern Africa
- 1:15 *Maryann Parada (California State University, Bakersfield)*: Indigenous personal names among U. S. Latinos: onomastic outcomes of the Chicano movement

### Names and Toponymy

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Mirko Casagrande (University of Calabria)

- 12:45 *Michel Nguessan (Governors State University)*, *Kouamé Désiré Kouakou (Independent Scholar)*, *Sidiki Bamba (Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny)*: Toponymy, ethnicity, and land tenure conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire

- 1:15 *Yaw Sekyi-Baidoo (University of Education, Winneba, Ghana)*: Appellations, among Akan, Ewe and Ga

### Keynote Speech II

Room: Versailles

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University)

Time: 2:00- 3:00 PM

*Jeff Yule (Dixie State University)*

Naming Extinctions and Navigating Extinction Borders

### Names in the Work Place

Room: Belvedere

Chair: Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University)

- 3:15 *Lisa Spira (Ethnic Technologies)*, *David Spira (AdMelora)*: Building better forms: it starts with how you ask for a name

- 3:45 *Dallin Oaks (Brigham Young University)*, *Brad Wilcox (Brigham Young University)*, *Robert Crapo (Brigham Young University)*: Conversion as an onomastic strategy in advertising and marketing

- 4:15 *Kemp Williams (IBM Entity Analytics)*: Balancing onomastic integrity in threat and fraud detection

### Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

Room: Versailles

Time: 5:00-6:00 PM

### ANS Conference Dinner

Venue: Squatters, 147 West Broadway (300 South)

Time: 7:30-10:00 PM

***Sunday, January 7, 2018***

### Executive Council Meeting

Room: Versailles

Time: 8:00-9:00 AM