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President's Note

Greetings to all our members, new and old. It seems we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel; I hope 2021 has been a better year for all of us!

Because of continuing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties around travel restrictions, the Executive Council voted unanimously to hold the ANS 2022 Annual Meeting online once again. We will be using the same platform, Crowdcast, as we did for the 2021 meeting. The meeting is scheduled for January 21-23, 2022, and we will make every effort to accommodate our members across many time zones.

I am pleased to say that we have now published two issues of our journal, *Names*, thanks to the efforts of Iman Nick, our Editor-in-Chief. The editorial and publication tasks are challenging, but the final result is worth it; our new Open Access model means that the online journal is available worldwide to onomastic scholars for free, in perpetuity. *Names* continues to lead the way in global onomastic research.

Thank you all for your membership and support of the ANS!

Warmly,
Laurel Sutton

Call for Papers

CFP: ANS Emerging Scholar Award

In 2007, the American Name Society established the ANS Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA) to recognize the outstanding scholarship of an early career onomastics researcher. This special distinction is given to a new scholar whose work is judged by a panel of onomastic researchers to be of superior academic quality. This year's selection committee is made up of Dr. Luisa Caiazzo, the 2021 ANSESA Committee Chair; Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins; Dr. Andreas Gavrielatos; and Dr. Maggie Scott. The ANSESA winner not only receives a cash prize, but is also mentored by a senior onomastics scholar who will assist the awardee in preparing a manuscript for submission and possible publication in the ANS journal, *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*. The winning submission will also be announced in the ANS annual conference program. The Selection Committee reserves the right to refrain from giving this award in those years in which no submission is deemed to have met the above-mentioned requirements.

How to Apply

To be considered for this award, applicants must submit the full text of their paper by midnight (E.S.T.) October 15, 2021, to both ANS President Ms. Laurel Sutton (<laurela.sutton@gmail.com>) and this year's ANSESA Chair, Dr. Luisa Caiazzo (<luisa.caiazzo@unibas.it>). Submissions must be sent as an email attachment in either a .doc or .docx format. For ease of processing, please be sure to include the keyword "ESA2021" in the subject line of your email.

Submission Requirements

All submissions must be prepared according to the guidelines provided at <<https://ans-names.pitt.edu/ans/guidelines>>.

Authors must use the formatting rules listed in the official Style Sheet of *Names*, the journal of the American Name Society. The Style Sheet is available at the journal website: <<https://ans-names.pitt.edu/ans/StyleSheet>>. Submissions will not only be judged upon the quality of the writing and the scientific merit of the submission presented, but also on their adherence to these formatting regulations.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the ANSESA, applicants must be an entry-level professional, an untenured academic, or a student. Applicants must have had their single-authored abstract accepted for presentation at the ANS annual conference and be a member of the ANS. Previously published papers are not eligible for consideration. However, papers based on unpublished theses or dissertations are eligible. The ANSESA Selection Committee will judge all submissions for their methodological soundness, innovation, and potential contribution to the field of onomastics. Although past recipients of the ANSESA are eligible to re-apply for an entirely new piece of scholarship, preference may be given to first-time applicants.

ANS News

Information Officer Update!

The ANS has a new Information Officer: Dr. Brandon Simonson (Boston University).

Brandon has been tireless in posting news, announcements, and general onomastic information to our website (and to our Facebook page and Twitter).

We are delighted to welcome him to the EC!

New Onomastic Publications and Presentations

Professor I.M. Nick, past-president of the ANS and editor of *Names*, was the special guest on the *The Baby Names Podcast* episode "Jewish Names and Identity: The Holocaust." This is the first episode in a two-part series on Jewish names and identity. *The Baby Names Podcast* is co-hosted by ANS member Jennifer Moss and her sister Mallory Moss, founders of BabyNames.com. It's currently on its fourth season.

<https://babynames.com/podcast>

ANS member Oswald Chanda's recent talk on place names, "Why Place Names Should Be Gender Balanced," at TEDxLusaka in Zambia is now available to view on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJnyZkGUn6E&t=1s)

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The e-edition of the Proceedings of the International Onomastic Conference "Anthroponyms and Anthroponymic Researches in the Beginning of 21st Century," April 20-22, 2021, has been published by the Prof. Marin Drinov Publishing House of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

[https://press.bas.bg/en/eBooks-105/show-106\(29\)](https://press.bas.bg/en/eBooks-105/show-106(29)).

Recently Published Books

- *Shifting Toponymies: (Re) naming Places, (Re) shaping Identities*
Luisa Caiazzo & I.M. Nick (eds.)
<https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-5275-6028-4>
- *Place Names and Migration*
Allison Dollimore & Peter Jordan (eds.)
<https://www.verlagdrkovac.de/978-3-339-11844-8.htm>

- *Names and Naming: Multicultural Aspects*
Oliviú Felecan & Alina Bughesiu (eds.)
<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030731854>
- *Place-Name Politics in Multilingual Areas. A Comparative Study of Southern Carinthia (Austria) and the Těšín/Cieszyn Area (Czechia)*
Peter Jordan, Přemysl Mácha, Marika Balode, Ludek Krticka, Ursula Obrusnik, Pavel Pilch, & Alexis Sancho Reinoso
<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030694876>
- *The Outer Banks Gazetteer: the History of Place Names from Carova to Emerald Isle*
Roger L. Payne
<https://obxplacenames.com>
- *Names as Metaphors in Shakespeare's Comedies*
Grant W. Smith
<https://vernonpress.com/book/1082>
24% discount code: CFC6403537AF

ANS Executive Council Updates

ANS Officers

President

Ms. Laurel Sutton

During the past few months, I have continued to assist Iman Nick in preparing the journal for online and print publication, as well as working with Sharon Obasi, our Membership Officer, to maintain and grow our membership roster. Along with Luisa Caiazzo, our Vice President, I finalized

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and distributed the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, and coordinated the EC vote to hold the 2022 meeting virtually. I've served as a reviewer for papers submitted to *Names* and assisted in providing information for the MLA association review. Outside of the ANS, I have helped organize the summer Linguistics Career Launch (<https://www.linguisticscareerlaunch.com/>), a month-long "boot camp" designed to help linguists find jobs outside of academia.

Vice President

Dr. Luisa Caiazzo

As Allied Conference Coordinator, I presided the ANS panel titled "Toponyms and Literaryscapes" at the MLA Conference that was held online (January 7-10, 2021). As ANS Vice President, at the 2021 ANS Conference that was held online at the end of January, I chaired one of the sessions. I prepared and sent out the Call for Papers for a special issue of *Names* titled "Toponyms and Literaryscapes," the proposals received have been blind reviewed and sent back to the contributors. I collected the information needed for the seven years report that ANS current Allied Conference Coordinator, Maggie Scott, is preparing for the MLA. In more detail, I provided data related to the ANS panels at MLA from 2015 to 2021 and the Tables of content of the ANS newsletters that I edited from 2016 to 2019 as ANS Secretary. As Chair of the Emerging Scholar Award Committee, I prepared and sent out the Call for Papers. I have supported Laurel Sutton, our President, in managing the day-to-day business of the ANS, I am assisting her in planning the 2022 ANS Conference to be held online, January 21-23, 2022. I have helped disseminate the Call for Papers and I am currently collecting the proposals that we are receiving. I look forward to continuing my work with conference planning, including disseminating abstract submissions to reviewers in August and to announcing acceptances in September.

I have peer reviewed papers submitted to *Names*. I look forward to a productive second half of the year!

Secretary

Dr. Star Medzerian Vanguri

This year, I've edited two ANS Bulletins: this one, issue 2021:2, and the first newsletter of the year, 2021:2. This involves reaching out to the ANS members to gather news items and the ANS officers for their updates. I also collected and tallied ballots for the executive council vote to have a virtual conference in 2022. While it's been a busy year, it's already looking brighter than 2020! I am excited to see what the rest of '21 will bring.

Allied Conference Coordinator

Dr. Maggie Scott

The ANS has applied to renew its Allied status with the MLA and looks forward to the approval of our application, to be confirmed later in the year. I would like to thank the many ANS colleagues who have helped with this important work by contributing various useful details relating to the activity of the society over the past 7 years. Paula M. Krebs (Executive Director) has confirmed that MLA President Barbara Fuchs has decided to include our convention session, "Literary Onomastics: Theory and Practice," within the presidential theme "Multilingual US" at the 2022 MLA Annual Convention. Karin Bagnall (Director, Convention and Events) has also confirmed that the MLA has agreed to accommodate our request to hold this session virtually, with participants contributing live online. We hope that this will help to make the event more widely accessible to colleagues internationally. Speakers and papers confirmed for the ANS Session at the 2022 MLA Annual Convention are Ryan Borochovit

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("Thinking Onomastically about Auto/biographical Drama: Naming the Self, Playing the Other"), James Butler ("From Topography to Topology: Contextuality and Spatial Relativity in Literary Namespace Work"), Daniel Dufournaud ("To Stray or Not to Stray: Deconstruction, Weak Subjectivity, and Modernity in Henry James's *The Ambassadors*"), and Matthew Gilmore ("Between the Name We Want to Give (and the One Given to Us): Hegel and 'Kafka'").

Treasurer

Dr. Saundra Wright

Our budget remains healthy. So far we have spent approximately \$10,600 in 2021. This has included conference-related costs, print, shipping, and editing costs for the journal, payments to our web hosting company, and gifts/donations to acknowledge our gratitude for the dedication of our former officers. As of now, the balance in our CHASE account stands at \$53,000. In addition to issuing payments and sending reimbursements, I have been in charge of purchases, tax forms, answering questions about budget-related expenses, and advising on society expenditures. I have also been processing mail-in renewals and mail-in conference fees. Though the majority of these funds are now coming in electronically directly through our site, we still are receiving some by personal check/mail. In sum, our budget remains solid. Although we are incurring greater costs right now due to expenses associated with our online conference and journal, I am confident we have sufficient funds to cover these costs at this time.

Membership Officer

Dr. Sharon N. Obasi

As Membership Officer I have assisted President Laurel Sutton in personally contacting ANS

members to encourage renewal of membership as well as reaching out to recruit new members. These efforts have led to a roster of approximately 200 members from 35 countries. I have also served on the editorial board of the journal *Names* and reviewed several submissions to that publication.

Editor-in-Chief, *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

Professor Iman Nick

Since my last report, I have been primarily concerned with assembling the second and third issues of *Names*. This work has involved coordinating with our Book Review Editor, Christine De Vinne; our ANS President, Laurel Sutton; and Pat Christenson, the professional copy editor who has graciously assisted in the production process. I published an editorial note, wrote three book reviews, and authored several death notices for past members of our ANS community. Along with these editorial activities, I have also issued two calls for Special Issues. The first call was issued in cooperation with our ANS Vice President, Luisa Caiazzo. The theme of this Special Issue is "Toponymy and Literature." The second call for a Special Issue of *Names* is devoted to "Names in Children's Literature." For both of these calls, we have received an outstanding set of contributions. Outside of my activities as the *Names* Editor-in-Chief, I have also assisted in assembling the information needed to renew our Organization's official association with the Modern Language Association. For the rest of the year, I plan to concentrate on increasing the Editorial Board to help process the large number of contributions we continue to receive. I will also organize the Board's deliberation process to select the "Best Article of the Year."

Book Review Editor, *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

Dr. Christine De Vinne

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Ongoing gratitude to those who continue to suggest media for review and those who compose reviews. Thanks to you, the journal is able to present new materials that may be of interest to readers. Anyone interested in reviewing one of the following titles, please contact me at cdevinne@ursuline.edu.

- *Onomastic Reforms: Family Names and State-Building in Iran* by H. E. Chebabi (Harvard UP, 2020)
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674248199>
- *The Surnames of Cornwall* by Bernard Deacon (CoSERG, 2019)
<https://bernarddeacon.com/publications/publications-a-list/>

Information Officer

Dr. Brandon Simonson

So far in 2021 we have been making regular posts to our "Names in the News" feature on our website and social media. If you see a name in the news—whether related to your own scholarship or names in general—please let me know by email at [<simonson@bu.edu>](mailto:simonson@bu.edu), and we will post it to the site. Additionally, we are planning to roll out a few important updates to our website, including an updated list of reviewed books and an "In Memoriam" page. These new pages should appear before the end of the year.

Member at Large 2021-2022

Dr. Sara Louise Wheeler

In January 2021 I was elected to the role of Member-at-large on the ANS Executive Council. In my capacity as Executive Council Member, I voted in the ballot on the proposed conversion of the 2022 ANS Annual Conference to a virtual format. I also put myself forward for the Code of Conduct Committee. I will be working with the other members of this committee, garnering

ideas from other codes of conduct, in order to put something suitable in place for the ANS.

Member at Large 2021-2022

Dr. Wang Feng

I provided suggestions for the dates and registration fee for ANS 2022. I worked for the Wikipedia Committee and edited three items related to American Name Society. In 2021, I reviewed five manuscripts submitted to *Names*. Now I'm reviewing the sixth manuscript, which is due on August 16.

Literary Names SIG Coordinator

Dr. Susan Behrens

I am on the editorial board of *Names* and coordinator of the Facebook SIG on Literary Names. I recently published a book review of *The Address Book* by D. Mask in *Names*.

Place Names SIG Coordinator

Dr. Sharon N. Obasi

As coordinator of the Facebook Special Interest Group on place names I have continued to post information regarding toponymic research, policies, as well as "fun facts" about place names from around the globe. The Facebook group now has 111 members and I thank everyone for contributing to the growth of this group. I look forward to continuing to increase group membership and to stimulate conversation regarding place names.

Trade Names SIG Coordinator

Dr. Mirko Casagrande

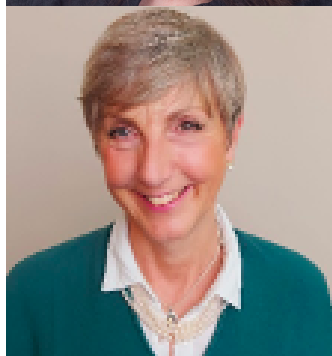
In the first half of 2021 I kept monitoring the activities of the Facebook Special Interest Group on trade names. In January I had the pleasure to chair one of the sessions of the ANS virtual annual meeting.

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