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President's Note

Happy 2022 to all our members! We kicked the year off with another virtual conference, which featured excellent papers on a wide variety of onomastic topics. It was a delight to see so many people from all over the world! The Names of the Year discussion was especially fun and lively, and it was great to see so many attendees staying up late (or getting up early!) to attend.

This year we will continue to make our resources available to as many onomasticians as possible. We plan to start a YouTube channel, where we can upload all the video recordings from the 2022 and 2021 conferences. Jan Tent has shared his plans to revive the Ehrensperger Report, in which the ANS will gather instructional resources for teaching onomastics.

We would also like to expand the website to include a book review section, a "history of the ANS" section, and photographs of past ANS conferences.

All ANS news and announcements are available on our main website

(http://www.americannamesociety.org/) and on our Facebook page. And don't forget that we have three Facebook Special Interest Groups, for Personal Names, Place Names, Trade Names, and Literary Names.

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

Warmly, Laurel Sutton

ANS 2022 Annual Meeting

prepared by Laurel Sutton

The 2022 ANS annual meeting was held online once again due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. During the weekend of January 21-23, 2022, attendees from across the globe gathered on the Zoom platform to hear 26 papers on place names, personal names, literary names, food names, and nicknames, among the many topics presented. Heiko Motschenbacher, winner of the Best Article of the Year



2020 in *Names*, presented his work in a talk entitled "Corpus Linguistics in Onomastics." There was also time for a celebration of the ANS's 70th "birthday" – the Society was founded in 1951 – with a look at the history of the organization provided by *Names* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Iman Nick.

We were able to hold our annual Business Meeting, during which members of the Executive Council gave their year-end reports, and the ANS Emerging Scholar Award was presented to Alessia Battista for her excellent work "Being Butch: A Corpus-Based Discourse Analysis of Identity Construction in Stone Butch Blues."

This year's ANS Name of the Year discussion was moderated by Deb Walker, who compiled the online survey responses as well as fielding the nominations from the floor. The energetic discussions lasted for more than an hour! The final candidate chosen as Name of the Year was Great Resignation, the socioeconomic trend in 2021 where large numbers of employees left their jobs. A full report on the Name of the Year meeting will appear in the next issue of *Names*.

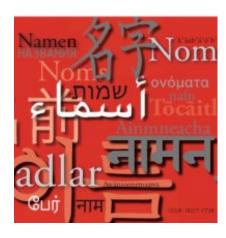
All presentations were recorded and will be made available to the public in the first half of 2022.

Of course we all missed the fun and warmth of an in-person conference, especially the "hallway conferences" that are often so enlightening and productive. Next year's conference might be held in person alongside the LSA Annual Meeting, or virtually once again, or perhaps as a hybrid meeting that combines inperson and online presentations. The EC will consider the matter again in the Fall of 2022 and evaluate the safety of returning to an in-person format.

The EC would like to thank our technical support genius, Rachel Lorch, for her invaluable help in preparing for the conference and keeping everything running smoothly!

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Names: A Journal of Onomastics

prepared by Laurel Sutton

This year the Executive Council made the difficult decision to bring the print publication of the ANS journal *Names* to a close at the end of 2022, while continuing on with online publication as an open-access journal through the University of Pittsburgh. We considered many factors before making this decision. The most pressing concern is cost of publication, for which the ANS is fully responsible since our parting with Taylor & Francis. As an entirely self-funded organization, we cannot cover the costs of print publication with income received through membership and subscriptions.

Additionally, we cannot sustain the many additional hours of unpaid labor involved in producing the print journal.

We also considered the dwindling interest from institutions in print copies of academic journals, a trend which affects all areas of research and all academic libraries. The ANS membership reflects this trend, as more and more members are opting for the online-only level of membership. The EC therefore voted to discontinued the print version of *Names* in order to endure that it continues to be published on a regular basis, and to uphold the high standards that have been established over the last 50 years.

The last four print issues of the journal will be published quarterly in 2022, after which time all new issues will be available at the *Names* website (https://ans-names.pitt.edu/ans), as is all past content. Members who have paid for a print subscription for 2022 will receive print copies all four issues.

Call for Papers

CFP- 2023 American Name Society Annual Meeting

January 2023, held with the LSA Annual Meeting in Denver OR Online

The ANS is inviting abstract submissions for the 2023 annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America or virtually on Zoom, TBD.

Abstracts in any area of onomastic research are welcome. The **DEADLINE** for receipt of abstracts is July 31, 2022. To submit a proposal, simply complete the 2023 Author Information Sheet (AIS) found here:

http://www.americannamesociety.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/01/ANS-2023-Author-Info-Sheet.doc

Please email this completed form to ANS Vice President Luisa Caiazzo using the following address: luisa.caiazzo@unibas.it. For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase "ANS 2023" in the subject line of your email.

All proposals will be subjected to blind review. Official notification of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before September 30, 2022. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of the ANS.

Please feel free to contact ANS Vice President, Luisa Caiazzo, luisa.caiazzo@unibas.it, should you have any questions or concerns.

A downloadable PDF of the Call for Papers can be found here:

https://www.americannamesociety.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/02/ANS-2023-Call-For-Papers.pdf

CFP- Special Issue of *Names*: A Journal of Onomastics on Ukrainian Names and Naming

In celebration of Ukrainian culture, history, and language, *Names* is issuing a call for abstract proposals for papers on Ukrainian Names and Naming. All name types and methods of research are welcome. However, all proposals must include a clearly articulated theoretical framework as well as research question(s), and a preliminary reference list. Topics for papers include, but are by no means limited to the following issues: controversies in Ukrainian naming policies and practices; Ukrainian names and naming as acts of resistance; Ukrainian names and naming at home and in exile; contested place names in Ukraine.

The Proposal Submission Process:

- Abstracts proposals (max. 400 words, not including references) should be sent as an email attachment (PDF format) to Professor I. M. Nick (nameseditor@gmail.com);
- 2. The preliminary reference list should follow the formatting regulations of the *Names* Style Sheet;
- 3. Proposals must include "Ukraine" in the subject line of the email;
- 4. All submissions must include an abstract, a title, the full name(s) of the author(s), the author(s) affiliation(s), and email address(s) in the accompanying email and NOT within the body of the abstract;
- 5. **DEADLINE**: Proposals must be received by July 15, 2022. Authors will be notified about the results of the blind review on or by August 15, 2022.

For further information, please contact Professor I. M. Nick (nameseditor@gmail.com). We look forward to receiving your submission.

ANS News

prepared by I.M. Nick

Names is Looking for New Reviewers

Now that the ANS journal has become openaccess, we have witnessed a significant increase in the number of submissions we are currently receiving. Although this is a positive development, it has also meant the number of manuscripts which our Editorial Board members have to review has substantially increased as well.

For that reason, the *Names* Editor-in-Chief is welcoming new applications from names scholars who are interested in becoming a part of our review team. In particular, the Board is seeking onomasticians who are skilled in corpus linguistics and statistical analyses. In addition, there is a great need for onomastic scholars who are competent in the following research areas (literary onomastics, toponymy, brand names) and fluent in the following languages (Chinese, Arabic, German, French, and Spanish).

If you are interested in applying to join the *Names* Editorial Board, simply complete and return the application found via this link: https://nick662.typeform.com/to/P6dzaz

Proposals Being Accepted for Special Issues of Names

Do you have an idea that you think would make an excellent special issue of *Names*? Are you interested in serving as a guest journal editor? If so, the *Names* Editor-in-Chief is now accepting proposals.

Issue proposals must include the following elements:

- 1.a brief description explaining how this special issue would address a gap in the current body of onomastic literature;
- 2.a suggested timeline for soliciting, reviewing, and editing potential manuscripts;
- 3. a list of three onomastic experts who are willing to serve as blind reviewers;
- 4. short biographical sketches that describe the publication history and onomastic expertise of the reviewers and the proposed guest editor (max 300 words per description).

Although *Names* exclusively publishes Englishlanguage manuscripts, proposals that address any culture or welcome. Any and all areas of onomastic research are eligible. The **DEADLINE** for receipt of issue proposals is August 15, 2022. Please send all proposals and direct any questions to the *Names* Editor-in-Chief via nameseditor@gmail.com. Proposals sent to any other address will not be considered.

Interested in Publishing a Book on Names and Naming?

If you are interested in editing a multi-authored volume on Names and Naming, the *Names* Editorin-Chief is currently accepting book proposal for a new series on onomastics to be published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Book Proposals should have the following components:

- 1.an overall book description with a working title;
- 2.a chapter outline with titles and chapter summaries (max. 300 words each);
- 3. biographical sketches written in complete prose for each of the proposed authors (max. 300 words each);
- 4. biographical sketches of the book editor(s);

- 5.description of competing titles on the market and how the proposed book advances the field; a description of the intended reading and purchasing audience; and
- 6.detailed schedule for the completion of the final manuscript.

Although all areas of onomastics are welcome, book proposals that address novel issues, contemporary problems, or profile new methodological approaches will be preferred. In addition, proposals that have a strong interdisciplinary approach are strongly encouraged. Although this is an English-language only book series, proposals that address names in naming across different languages and within diverse cultures are warmly welcomed.

The **DEADLINE** for receipt of book proposals is July 15, 2022. Please send all proposals and direct any questions to the *Names* Editor-in-Chief via nameseditor@gmail.com. Proposals sent to any other address will not be considered.

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ANS Officers

President Ms. Laurel Sutton

My two main responsibilities in 2021 were working on the journal with Iman Nick, our editor-in-chief, which involved proofreading papers, coordinating with print publication editor, and sending files to printer, and then organizing the conference with our Vice President, Luisa Caiazzo; we brought on Rachel Lorch to help with the technical aspects. I also worked with Saundra Wright, our treasurer, on tracking subscription money and taking care of institutional subscriptions; coordinated the EC vote on halting the print version of the journal; fielded inquiries on naming from journalists (directing them to experts like Cleve Evans and Jennifer Moss); assisted Brandon Simonson, our Information Officer, with website upkeep and mailings to members, and reviewed submissions to Names, as assigned by Iman.

Outside of the ANS, I helped the Linguistic Society of America's Special Interest Group, Linguistics Beyond Academia, run the Linguistics Career Launch (LCL) in the summer of 2021, for which we won the Service Award from the LSA. We had two sessions about careers in naming and the importance of onomastics in linguistics. I also copresented a session at the 2022 LSA Annual Meeting (January 2022) about the SIG and careers for linguists. Since the LCL, I've been producing the videos for the LSA SIG, available on our YouTube channel (https://bit.ly/3FwLOqU).

Together with Luisa, I have been considering candidates for the important Vice President position, which will open up in 2023 as Luisa steps up as President.

Vice President Dr. Luisa Caiazzo

As Vice President, I have supported our President, Laurel Sutton, in managing the day-to-day business of the ANS. I began the year by chairing one of the sessions at the 2021 ANS Conference that was held online. I prepared and distributed the Call for Papers for the 2022 ANS Conference. I received abstract submissions throughout the summer months, and in August, I distributed them *cont'd p. 7* for peer review by members of our EC. In September, I sent out acceptance notifications to about 30 scholars. Throughout the year, I have responded to conference inquiries from members and attendees. Finally, I have put together the Book of Abstracts for the 2022 Conference.

I have provided the information needed for the MLA audit. This was related to the work done in my position as ANS Secretary (from 2016 to 2019) and Allied Conference Coordinator (2019-2020). I also served as blind reviewer for the ANS Panel at MLA. In addition, as a member if the Editorial Board of our journal *Names*, I've served as blind reviewer of some of the proposals submitted and voted for the Best Article of the Year.

I have chaired the ANS Emerging Scholar Committee (comprised of Dorothy Dodge Robbins, Maggie Scott, Andreas Gavrielatos and myself) and worked with fellow officers on other matters related to ANS functions and governance.

Secretary Dr. Star Medzerian Vanguri

My first task as Secretary for 2021 was taking the minutes for our EC meeting at the ANS conference last year. Throughout the year, I gathered content from our members for our newsletter and compiled the four 2021 issues. I also reviewed proposals for this year's conference. I collect and tally the ANS-EC ballots when we have a vote. This year, we voted on a significant issue which was the discontinuation of the print version of *Names*.

We've had a couple years of big changes within the organization, and I feel good about where we're headed in 2022. Please let me know if you have feedback or suggestions for the newsletter.

Allied Conference Coordinator Dr. Maggie Scott

This year's ANS Panel at the MLA Convention took place on Thursday 6th January and the theme of the Panel was "Literary Onomastics: Theory and Practice" and we enjoyed three very interesting and thought-provoking papers:

- "Thinking Onomastically about (Auto)Biographical Drama: Naming the Self, Playing the Other" (Ryan Borochovitz, University of Toronto);
- "To Stray or Not to Stray: Deconstruction, Weak Subjectivity, and Modernity in Henry James's *The Ambassadors*" (Daniel Dufournaud, University of York);
- "Between the Name We Want to Give (and the One Given to Us): Hegel and 'Kafka'" (Matthew Gilmore, Independent scholar)

There was limited time for conversation at the end of the papers and we were also in competition with about 30 parallel sessions, but that is the nature of the MLA Convention, and one benefit of working remotely and online is that the session was recorded for anyone unable to attend on the day. The recording of the session can be viewed by MLA members online at: https://mla.confex.com/mla/2022/meetingapp.cgi/ Session/12225

In July 2021 I submitted our report to the MLA as required for our seven-year review as an allied organization, the expectation being that we would hear the results of that review a few months later. Unfortunately, however, the MLA are behind schedule with this and have not yet completed it. Our contact there, Deirdre Henry, has apologized for this, but it is not clear when the outcome of the review will be revealed. I will let everyone know as

soon as I know. The work required for the report was quite extensive and I would like to thank, very sincerely, everyone who contributed information relating to the past seven years of ANS activity.

Treasurer Dr. Saundra Wright

Overall, our budget remains healthy. However, expenses for 2021 have over doubled the typical expenses we've incurred in previous years. We spent approximately \$16,500 in 2021 (compared with \$7,000 of expenses in 2020). This has included conference-related costs, print, shipping, and editing costs for the journal, and payments to our web hosting company. As of now, the balance in our CHASE account stands at \$45,000, which is \$11,000 less than this time last year. Our biggest expense in 2021 was our print journal, which comes with hefty printing and shipping costs. Once we move to an online-only subscription in 2023, I anticipate our expenses will level out.

In addition to issuing payments and sending reimbursements, I have been in charge of purchases, tax forms, journal mailings, 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 print journal, I am confident we have sufficient funds to cover these costs at this time.

Membership Officer, SIG Coordinator-Place Names Dr. Sharon Obasi

As Membership Officer I have personally contacted ANS members to encourage renewal of membership and I have worked on recruiting new members, especially students, to ANS. These efforts have led to a roster of approximately 200 members from 35 countries. I also served on the editorial board of the journal *Names* and reviewed several submissions to that publication.

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 107 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.

Editor-in-Chief, Names: A Journal of Onomastics Professor I. M. Nick

Aside from the normal editorial duties, I

- answered questions from the general public and the media about names and naming and gave interviews to the international media regarding names and onomastic policies in the US
- served as a reviewer for other journals
- served as a series editor on for Rowman and Littlefield for line of publications on onomastics
- served as an editor for upcoming Routledge publication on Names, Naming, Identity, and the Law

- served as a reviewer for the ANS panel of the MLA
- helped Allied Conference Coordinator, Maggie Scott, collect materials for MLA 7-year Review
- coordinated with other onomastic societies in joint projects (e.g., ICOS meeting of Journal editors)
- applied for DOAJ Seal for *Names* (DOAJ= Directory of Academic Journals)
- wrote joint proposal and ANS election report with ANS President, Laurel Sutton, to move *Names* to online format only
- provided President and Vice President with advice on Constitutional issues
- found the ANS Constitution after months of research
- wrote a 20-page research report on international naming patterns for UNICEF (in honor of its birthday celebration)
- conducted the Best Article of the Year Election
- put together a special issue of *Names* on Names and Children's Literature
- designed the new Best Article of the Year Award
- created and presented a ppt on the ANS birthday
- maintained and expanded the Names website

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

Dr. Christine De Vinne

Thanks to Iman's able and committed editorship, it has been a productive year for *Names*, and two book reviews have been featured in all four issues of Volume 69. Of those eight reviews, one focused on scientific names, two on place names, and three on personal names; in addition, two reviews addressed anthologies with multiple topics. Notably, several ANS members were among those whose works were reviewed, including Ed and Jean Callary, Luisa Caiazzo, Marc Picard, and Star Medzerian Vanguri. Behind the scenes, I requested or arranged for six books for upcoming reviews; several other books previously requested are in the hands of reviewers. Two reviews for Volume 70 have been sent for typesetting, ready for the new issue in 2022.

In addition to coordinating the journal's book reviews, this past year I reviewed five manuscripts as an Editorial Board member, two through the Pitt electronic system and three via other means. *Names* continues to solicit titles for review, on the one hand, and reviewers on the other. Titles currently on the review shelf include several focused on place names, and additional reviewers in this field would be appreciated. As well there are a number of multi-topic titles and ones addressing philosophical aspects of onomastics, and reviewers willing to cover those areas are also needed. Truly, though, all areas of interest are welcome, and new and returning reviewers are always encouraged.

If particular titles might entice you, consider:

- *The Surnames of Cornwall* by Bernard Deacon (CoSERG: Cornish Social and Economic Research Group, 2019)
- *Place Name Politics in Multilingual Areas* by Peter Jordan, et al. (Palgrave, 2019)
- *Mapping Place Names of India* by Anu Kapur (Routledge, 2021)
- Naming and Othering in Africa by Sambulo Ndlovu (Routledge, 2021)

Alternatively, contact me by email and I can share with you a longer list with other titles and topics: cdevinne@ursuline.edu.

Thank you to the many members and scholars who lend their work to the reviews.

The care you take and the insights you provide, rich and layered, continue to make book reviews a valuable part of *Names*.

Information Officer Dr. Brandon Simonson

During the 2021 year my work included posting weekly updates to the website and our "Name in the News" posts. Throughout the year we've posted calls for papers and reports of publications by our members. If there is anything that you would like to share with the Society-whether it's related to name news or your own recent publications—please let us know! We are very happy to share relevant publications with the Society, and our news updates are posted to the website and our social media accounts. Send your name news and publication reports to me by email at simonson@bu.edu and add "ANS Name News" to your subject line. I'm working on a few website updates that will hopefully go live within the next few months, so be sure to check our website for these updates.

Member at Large Dr. Wang Feng

This year, I reviewed two articles, and voted on ending the print publication of *Names*. Additionally, I have written an article "A Bibliometric Overview of *Names* from 2009 to 2020." Though it was finally rejected by peer reviewers, I believe it has findings useful for the editorial board of *Names*.

The abstract and conclusion are listed as follows: *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, one of the leading international journals in onomastics, dates back to March 1953. This study analyzes the journal publications from 2009 to 2020 using a bibliometric approach after extracting bibliography data from the Web of Science database. The analysis includes the document types, Mean Total Citations, contributing countries, and contributing authors. In addition, information about influential authors and articles in comparison with publications chosen as Best Article of the Year is provided. Further, the results of an analysis of the article titles, abstracts and key words, and publication dynamics are provided. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the journal and offer future researchers useful information for future onomastic studies.

The study analyzes the publications in Names from 2009 to 2020 in a bibliometric approach and has the following findings: 1) Names may still need more international voices to make it a more globalized journal. 2) Authors from Romania have the highest average article citations, followed by those from the Czech Republic, Australia and Spain. 3) The limited collaboration between countries and regions encourages authors from different linguistic, cultural and educational backgrounds to work together for more in-depth research. 4) The authorship of Names is more diverse than usual, and some of the singledocument authors may have the potential to publish two or more documents. 5) The top three contributors from 2009 to 2020 are Frank Nuessel, I. M. Nick, and Cleveland Evans. The top influential authors are different when evaluated with the h-index, g-index, and m-index, respectively. 6) The work co-authored by Tent and Blair (2011) is at the top in total citations and total citations per year. 7) The corpus linguistic approach might be another topic of current interest for Names. 8) Onomastic studies become more interdisciplinary, and more research is expected from the collaboration from different scientific fields.

The analysis may inform readers about the journal in the second decade of the new century and hopefully inspire more researchers to conduct in-depth studies on onomastics.

SIG Coordinator - Personal Names Dr. Maryann Parada

As coordinator of the Facebook special interest group on personal names, I have continued to make regular posts sharing news stories and other pertinent media. We welcomed several new scholar members following the 2021 annual meeting, where we held an informal chat on personal names research. This year I aim to further promote our group in other linguistics Facebook groups, as well as incorporate polls and invited posts to stimulate discussion and resource sharing. I wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous 2022!

SIG Coordinator - Trade Names Dr. Mirko Casagranda

In the second half of 2021, I kept monitoring the activities of the Facebook Special Interest Group on trade names and accepted and refused new members on the basis of their interests. In the summer, I also reviewed some of the abstracts for the 2022 ANS annual meeting.

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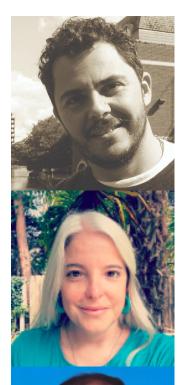
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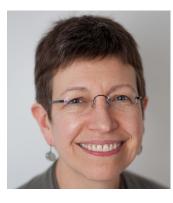
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