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## The American Name Society 2020 Conferences

### 2020 American Name Society Conference to Meet in New Orleans

The American Name Society (ANS) is inviting abstract submissions for papers for its next annual conference. The 2020 conference will be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America. Proposals on all aspects of onomastics are welcome, including but not limited to personal names, brand names, place names, and literary names.



*Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA*

Topics related to New Orleans's architecture, history, landmarks, and culture are especially welcome. The conference will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside on Two Poydras St., New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference hotel is conveniently located near the Mississippi River in the city's Warehouse District and within a short trolley ride to the famed Garden District and French Quarter.

New Orleans is a city full of famous and infamous names. Names of streetcars (Desire, for instance), names of street car lines (the Riverfront Line, the Canal Street Line, the Green Line), names of cemeteries (the St. Louis, the Lafayette, the Greenwood), names of pirates

(Jean Lafitte), names of authors (Truman Capote, Anne Rice, Tennessee Williams), names of restaurants (Galatoire's, Emerile's, Brennan's)—all have left their onomastic imprints upon the city. Even sandwiches bear names! Forget your basic BLT or PBJ; in New Orleans you'll want to order a Po' boy, muffuletta, or banh mi. Indeed, New Orleans itself is known alternately by several nicknames: the Crescent City, the Big Easy, the City that Care Forgot, and South Hollywood, the latter due to all the filming enterprises—including television, the big screen, and streaming—that use the city as backdrop.

While in New Orleans, enjoy the sights, sounds, and scenes that have made this city an acclaimed travel destination. Experience what lies behind the city's famously named landmarks. From listening to live jazz at Preservation Hall to dining on beignets at Café Du Monde to taking a steamboat excursion on the Mighty Mississippi to exploring Audubon Park to taking a stroll down Pirates Alley, opportunities for adventure await.

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

## 2020 Panel at MLA

The Modern Language Association Convention



will be held in Seattle, WA, and will host a panel proposed by the American Name Society. This time the panel will revolve around the literary theme "Semantic

relations and personal names." The panel theme relates to the semantic connotations names may gain and how they may be used by authors to encourage layers of readers' interpretation.

## 2020 ANS Conference registration

Registration will open in the fall of 2019.

## CALL FOR PAPERS: JANUARY 2-5 NEW ORLEANS, LA

### 2020 ANS Annual Conference

The ANS is inviting abstract submissions for the 2020 annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America.

Abstracts in any area of onomastic research are welcome. **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is July 31, 2019.** To submit a proposal, simply complete the 2019 Author Information Sheet (AIS) found here: <https://www.americannamesociety.org/category/call-for-papers/>.

Please email this completed form to ANS Vice President, Laurel Sutton, using the following address: <laurelasutton@gmail.com>. For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase "ANS 2020" in the subject line of your email. Presenters who may need additional time to secure international funding and travel visas to the United States are urged to process the necessary paperwork as soon as possible.

All proposals will be subject to blind review. Official notifications of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before September 30, 2019. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of both the ANS and the Linguistic Society of America. Please feel free to contact Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins <dobbins@latech.edu> or Laurel Sutton <laurelasutton@gmail.com> should have you any questions or concerns.

**We look forward to receiving your submissions!**

### Call for Abstract Reviewers

Reviewers are needed to read and assess the 2019 ANS abstract submissions. The deadline for this year's submissions is July 31 and a significant number are anticipated. If you are interested in participating in the review process, contact Dorothy Dodge Robbins at <dobbins@latech.edu>. In an effort to match abstracts with appropriate reviewers, please

specify your area of onomastic specialization (e.g. place names, personal names, literary names, brand names) and your background (linguistics, literature, sociology, cultural anthropology, geography, etc.). Reviewers may expect to receive no more than five abstracts for review.

## President's Note

Greetings Fellow Names Aficionados!

This is my first opportunity to write to you as President of the American Name Society.



Admittedly, I am in the nascent period of my term and still learning my role, so I am grateful for the assistance of officers, past and present, whom I count on for their knowledge

and support. Also, I am buoyed by the enthusiasm for names and names studies expressed by our many members. Your interest in names spurs my own. As a resident of the state of Louisiana for twenty years, I am especially eager to host our 2020 conference in New Orleans, a city that bears a number of nicknames, most memorably “The Big Easy.” I wish for our gathering that it will be big (in attendance) and easy (in preparation).

This past spring I taught a graduate-level course in Onomastic theory at Louisiana Tech University. Our first meeting, I warned the students that a side effect of names study might be that they would see and hear names everywhere in their daily lives. At odd times they might find themselves assessing a name, weighing its apparent and potential meanings, analyzing it for political/historical/cultural significance, or perhaps chuckling over its comic or ironic attributes. An interest in names can become a fulltime hobby or a lifetime study, an occupation or a preoccupation; at least, that has been my experience and, I suspect, the experience of many reading this letter. Just last week one of the students popped her head into

my office to report she was now “dreaming in names”—or did she say “drowning”?

Many of you know me from my past involvement with the society and in my evolving roles as member, secretary, and, most recently, vice president. As I assist with conference planning for the 2020 American Name Society conference and look back at my involvement with the ANS over the past two decades, I am struck by a happy coincidence.

My first introduction to the ANS was as a panelist in a session on James Joyce and Names at the 50th Anniversary Names Conference in New Orleans in 2001. Upon arrival, I considered myself a Joyce scholar; the names were just a sidebar. By the conference’s end, a literary onomastician was emerging. At that same conference, I ran into a favorite professor, Tom Gasque, from my graduate days at the University of South Dakota. It had been at least ten years since we had seen each other. I was surprised to learn Dr. Gasque was a Past President of the American Name Society. Over coffee, he explained to me the history and purpose of the organization. Honestly, running into Tom was a factor in my decision to continue my involvement with the ANS beyond that first foray. Returning to New Orleans almost twenty years later, not as a first timer but as an old timer, feels like a circle completed.

Finally, for those of you who may not know me, or who may feel that you do not know me well, let’s amend that in New Orleans over coffee and beignets; it will be my pleasure and my treat. I hope to see all of you there!

Best Wishes  
*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

## The ANS 2019 Conferences

### The 2019 ANS NYC Conference in Review

The 2019 ANS Conference was held in New York City at the Sheraton New York Times Square from January 3-6, 2019 in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America. Around fifty scholars attended the conference that offered 14 individual panels on topics including symbolic naming strategies, cross-cultural toponymy, naming and renaming, systems of onomastic inquiry, toponymy and naming trends, cultural identity, and names as marketing.

Three special topic panels proved to be of great interest to attendees and presenters alike. They were *Names and Tourism* (organized by Luisa Caiazzo); *Names and Literature* (organized by Susan Behrens); and *Names, Naming, Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation* (organized by Iman Nick and Laurel Sutton). The latter two were divided into two sessions to accommodate for the large number of papers presented.

Two keynote addresses were given at the 2019 conference. Prof. Andrew Higgins, SUNY New Paltz, spoke on “From Ulalume to Hiawatha: The aesthetics of naming in Poe and Longfellow.” Mr. Aaron Hall, Siegal+Gale, spoke on “Inconvenient Truths in Brand Naming.” Higgins discussed how “in both cases, naming plays a central role in the world-building effect that is key to the popularity of these poets.” Drawing upon his 17 years of experience creating names for industry, Hall discussed some surprising realizations, including that “we place unfounded faith in objectivity when creating and selecting brand names.”

New York City has been called the “Capital of the World”, and the world was well represented at the conference. Presenters travelled to New York from Sweden, England, Singapore, Canada, Italy, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, the Ukraine, the Philippines, and Mongolia. Yes, Mongolia! Dr. Enkhjargal Purev, National University of Mongolia, spoke on “Color words as geographic names in the Mongolian language.” We were so pleased to have her join us.

The annual celebratory banquet was held in a private room at Carragher’s Pub and Restaurant on West 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Attendees enjoyed dining in the convivial atmosphere and were served an assortment of New York City fare, including sliders, pizza slices, and kabobs. Good times were enjoyed by all as they reminisced about the conference and their time in the City that Never Sleeps.

During the time the conference was held, New York was still in the seasonal spirit. The giant New Year’s Eve ball in Times Square had recently dropped, heralding the start of 2019. Beyond the conference sessions at the Sheraton, conference goers enjoyed attending theatrical events on and off Broadway; visiting city landmarks, including the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty; and strolling through Rockefeller Square and Central Park. A few brave souls even ventured out onto the ice skating rinks. One of the city’s many nicknames is “The City So Nice They Named it Twice;” the sentiment proved true for attendees of the 2019 ANS Conference.

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

### New York City 2019 in Pictures



*Sheraton New York Times Square*





*Dorothy Dodge Robbins giving her Opening Address*



*Andrew Higgins giving his presentation*



*One of the sessions*



*Aaron Hall giving his presentation*



*James Butler giving his presentation*



*Olena Fomenko giving her presentation*



*Joseph Pentangelo giving his presentation*



***ANS banquet Carragher's Pub and Restaurant***





## Name of the Year 2018: Khashoggi

Hosted by Dr. Cleveland Evans, the election for name of the year was intriguing and exciting. The onomastic winners for each of the five categories (artistic name, personal name, place name, trade name, and miscellaneous name) exemplify the power of naming.



*Dr. Cleveland Evans  
Coordinator of the Name of the Year Election*

ANS members who attended the annual meeting selected the following names: **Gritty** (trade name), **Khashoggi** (personal name), **Wakanda** (artistic name); **Paradise** (place name); and **#Metoo** (miscellaneous name). **Khashoggi** was selected as the Name of the Year for 2018.



*Journalist Jamal Khashoggi*

For a detailed account of the event, see our website:

<<https://www.americannamesociety.org/jamal-khashoggi-chosen-2018-name-of-the-year/>>.

Cleveland Evans will accept submissions for the Name of the Year 2019 at any time

throughout this year and, anyway, until the very last minute. There will be six categories: 1. artistic name; 2. e-name; 3. miscellaneous name; 4. personal name; 5. place name; 6. trade name. For further information about Call for Nominations for Name of the Year for 2019, please contact Cleveland Evans, chair of the Name of the Year committee, at [cevans@bellevue.edu](mailto:cevans@bellevue.edu).

## 2018 Award for Best Article

The award for the best article in *NAMES* was established in 2009. The honor is given to an article judged to demonstrate a high level of academic achievement and innovation. The 2018 Award Committee for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* consisted of the following individuals:

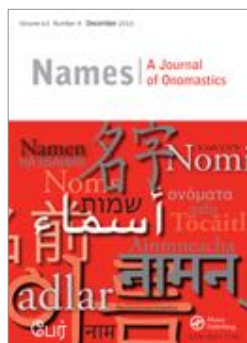
1. Michael F. McGoff, chair of the Committee (Binghamton University, SUNY, USA);
2. Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA);
3. Kemp Williams (IBM, USA).

The 2018 winners were Giulia Petitta, Valerie Dively, Mark Halley, Marc Holmes & Brenda Nicodemus, for their article “‘My Name is A-on-the-cheek’: Managing Names and Name Signs in American Sign Language–English Team Interpretation.” *NAMES* 66/4 (2018), pp. 205-218.

## ***NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics***

### **From the Book Editor**

Our *NAMES* book reviewers welcome Iman Nick as our new editor. Thanks to her for a fine first issue for March 2019.



If you are interested in reviewing one of these titles, please get in touch with Chris De Vinne at <cdevinne@ursuline.edu>

· *Changing Names and Gendering Identity:*

*Social Organization in Contemporary Britain* by Rachel Thwaites (Routledge)

- *The Geography of Names: Indigenous to Post-foundational* by Gwilym Lucas Eades (Routledge)
- *Placing Names: Enriching and Integrating Gazetteers* edited by Berman, Mostern, and Southall (Indiana UP)

*Chris De Vinne*

### **Onomastic Experts Sought for the NAMES Editorial Board**

To compensate for the growing number of submissions *NAMES* is receiving, the number of article reviewers for the Editorial Board is being expanded. Toward that end, *NAMES* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. I. M. Nick is currently soliciting applications for new Board members. Members of the Board are expected to critically assess submissions on the following points: 1.) scientific contribution to onomastic studies; 2.) interest for *NAMES* readers; and 3.) adherence to the stylistic, grammatical, and formatting regulations of the *NAMES* Style Sheet. Members of the Board typically review two submissions per month by providing detailed evaluations of ca. 500 words. Onomastic experts are particularly needed in the areas of place names, literary onomastics, brandnames, and trade names. Along with their reviewing duties,

once a year, the members of the Editorial Board also vote to select the Best Article of the Year.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Board, please complete and return the application via the following link: <<https://nick662.typeform.com/to/P6dzaz>>.

All members of the Board are expected to be members of the ANS in good-standing. Should you have any questions about the Board, please do not hesitate to contact, *NAMES* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. I. M. Nick <mavi.yaz@web.de>.

*Iman Nick*

## **ANS News**

### **ANS Officers Wanted**

Ever thought about getting more involved with the American Name Society but did not know how? Here is your opportunity! The American Name Society is currently looking for a few good people who are interested in joining the Executive Council. Starting January 2020, new officers will be needed to fill the positions listed below. To apply for one or more of these positions, simply complete the form found via this link:

<https://www.americannamesociety.org/seeking-new-ans-officers-for-2020/>

#### **Secretary (2020-2022)**

The person in this position serves as a voting member of the ANS Executive Council and its various committees (e.g., the Nominating Committee). Aside from these duties, the Secretary is responsible for taking and disseminating the official minutes from the ANS Business Meetings, creating the ANS newsletters, and sending our ANS members announcements regarding important events (e.g., the Nominating Committee's Slate). The ideal candidate for this position must have outstanding writing and editing skills in English and be comfortable working with email mailing programs like MailChimp.

#### **Membership Officer (2020-2022)**

In addition to being a voting member of the ANS Executive Council (EC), the person in this office



is responsible for managing the ANS membership database, both institutional and individual. To accomplish this task, this officer must liaison with ANS members, the ANS Executive Council, the ANS Treasurer, and Taylor and Francis, the current publisher of the ANS Journal, NAMES. The person selected for this position must be computer literate and be comfortable working with spreadsheets.

#### **Allied Conference Coordinator (2020-2022)**

The person elected to this position is principally responsible for organizing the ANS session at the annual conference of the Modern Language Association. This activity involves issuing a call for papers, assembling a team of abstract reviewers, selecting three authors whose work will be presented at the MLA conference, and coordinating the presentation of the three winning abstracts with the MLA administration. In addition to these duties, as a voting member of the ANS Executive Council (EC), the Allied Conference Coordinator participates in the legislative decision-making of the Society. Although the term of service for this position is for two years, the holder of this office may be re-elected pending approval by the EC. Given the fact that this position requires close communication with the MLA, candidates who have a demonstrated expertise in literary onomastics will receive preference.

#### **Member-at-large (2020-2022)**

The person elected to this position will serve as a voting member of the Executive Council (EC) and is expected to participate actively in the legislative decision-making involved in resolutions and motions placed before the EC. In addition to these duties, members-at-large serve on various auxiliary sub-committees to, for example, help with the nomination of new officers, coordination of the annual conference, and organization of allied conferences. Officers in this position can renew their term of service twice.

*Iman Nick*

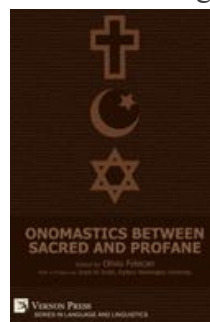
## **ICONN 4 Proceedings**

The Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Onomastics—*Sacred and Profane in Onomastics* edited by Oliviu Felecan—is now available in paperback:

<<https://vernonpress.com/book/761>>

The webpage link is:

<[http://onomasticafelecan.ro/iconn4/iconn4\\_proceedings.php](http://onomasticafelecan.ro/iconn4/iconn4_proceedings.php)>



## **ONOMA: New Website**

The international journal *ONOMA*, has a new website! Published by the International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS), the new website features articles starting with volume 50 published. Want to find out more? Follow this link:

<<https://onomajournal.org>>

*ONOMA* is accepting manuscripts for possible publication. The journal accepts studies written in English, French, or German. All submissions are evaluated in a double-blind peer-review process.



## **Onomastics & Literature: Call for Papers**

The 24<sup>th</sup> *Onomastica & Letteratura* (Onomastics & Literature) Conference will take place in Pisa, Italy, from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. The event will be hosted by the University of Pisa's Department of Philology, Linguistics, and Literature.

Scholars from all disciplines whose work explores the intersection between onomastics and literature are invited to submit abstracts for papers. Submissions should be no longer than 450 words (without references). Please email

your proposals to Donatella Bremer using the following address <donatella.bremer@unipi.it>



*Department of Philology, Linguistics, and Literature  
University of Pisa*

Just a few of the topics that will be addressed during the Conference include the following:

- Names in letters, diaries, and notebooks
- Naming characters (nicknames, titles, patronyms)
- Literary deonomastics
- Onomastic methodology and literature

For further information on the Call for Papers, please see the official website:

<[http://oel.fileli.unipi.it/?page\\_id=437](http://oel.fileli.unipi.it/?page_id=437)>.

The submission deadline is July 30, 2019.

Questions about the conference should be directed to either Maria Giovanna Arcamone <magiarc@gmail.com> or Giorgio Sale at <giosale@uniss.it>.

## Onomastic Event in Basilicata

The Department of Humanities at the University of Basilicata, Potenza, Italy, hosted a special onomastic event last November that was attended by about one hundred high school and college students.

The day began with a welcome address by Marcello Schiattarella and Ariel Lewin on behalf of the Rector Aurelia Sole and of the Department Chair Francesco Panarelli, respectively. A special welcome was also given by Chiara Langerame on behalf of the students.

Afterwards ANS member, Prof. Grant Smith, gave a lecture entitled “Names and Meaning especially in Shakespeare.”



*Grant Smith giving his lecture*

The purpose of Grant’s lecture was twofold: 1) to demonstrate the potentiality of *symbolic* meaning in all names and 2) to show that Shakespeare’s names had *symbolic* meanings that were clear to people of his time. As he pointed out, grammatically speaking, names are commonly discussed as fixed, *indexical* designations of individual referents.



*Aula Magna, University of Basilicata*

However, our use of language is fundamentally *symbolic*; an act of reference is the quintessential use of language; and the *symbolic* meanings of names can often be seen in the figurative language of imaginative literature.

This special event helped to introduce a new generation of scholars to the world of names.

*Luisa Caiazzo*

## ANS Executive Council for 2018

### Mid-term Reports

#### *ANS Officers*

##### **ANS PRESIDENT**

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

In early January, I presided over the 2019 ANS Conference in New York City. Duties included chairing EC meetings, facilitating conference panels, and introducing one of our keynote speakers. Additionally, I presented my research on “Naming the Creature: *Frankenstein in Baghdad*.” Post-conference, I assisted Dr. Luisa Caiazzo with the preparation of the EC meeting minutes and oversaw the Acting Member-at-Large vote that resulted in Dr. Sharon Obasi’s election to this role. I am assisting with preparations for the 2020 Slate of Candidates. In conjunction with ANS Vice President Laurel Sutton, I am coordinating plans for the 2020 ANS Conference to be held in New Orleans, January 2-5, 2020. I have helped disseminate the call for papers and reserved a restaurant, Grand Isle, for the annual ANS banquet. I am actively seeking keynote speakers for our 2020 conference. I look forward to continuing my work with conference planning, including disseminating abstract submissions to reviewers in August and announcing acceptances in September.

##### **VICE PRESIDENT**

*Laurel Sutton*

Since January, I have been working with Iman Nick, Immediate Past President, to update and expand our subscriber lists, as our Membership Officer has resigned. Membership information is collected via our website and sent to Taylor & Francis once a month. With Iman’s help, I have made many corrections to members’ addresses and contact information. I have also been coordinating with our Treasurer, Sandra Wright, to process memberships paid by check. To provide a better website experience, I moved our hosting from GoDaddy to Dreamhost; since we are a non-profit, Dreamhost provides us with

free hosting for life. I have continued to post news items and calls for papers to our website, to supplement the work done by our Information Officer, Evgeny Shokhenmayer. Together we have distributed the ANS Call for Papers to many mailing lists and onomastic/linguistic societies. I also distributed the apology letter for Vol. 66.3 to all our members via email and paper letter to those who do not have email. As a member of the *NAMES* Editorial Board, I evaluated several papers for possible publication. In March, I gave a talk on fast food naming to the Intellectual Semi-Circle group in San Francisco, and in May I was quoted in “Fortune” magazine in an article about the name “Disney+”. I have continued to make improvements and additions to our website, and I have established an ANS Dropbox account where important documents can now be stored online.

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##### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

*Iman Nick*

In this capacity, I have worked extremely closely with the Vice President, Laurel Sutton, to update the mailing/subscription list for all of our ANS members. This has involved personally contacting all of the current and recently lapsed members of our Society and comparing their membership details with those kept by Taylor & Francis as well as our own records. In collaborating with Laurel, I issued the Call for papers for the ANS 2020 conference. In my capacity as the head of the Nominating Committee, I have worked with our Vice President to attempt to recruit a new slate of officers for the ANS-EC. This process has involved our creating the call for officers that is currently placed on the ANS website. In addition, with the valuable advisement of the previous *NAME* Editor Professor Nuessel, I have been coordinating with Laurel and the T&F representatives of *NAMES* to modernize and automate the manuscript review and submission process for journal. As the Immediate Past President, I have also advised our current President, Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins, whenever asked on points of ANS parliamentary



procedure and the management of ANS business affairs.

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## SECRETARY

*Luisa Caiazzo*

Last January, I chaired one of the sessions at our annual Conference in New York City and presented my research on names and tourism.

I recorded the minutes of the following meetings, held last January at the Sheraton New York Times Square in New York City:

- the ANS Executive Council Opening Meeting (January, 3);
- ANS Executive Council General Business Meeting (January, 5)
- ANS Executive Council Closing Meeting (January, 6).

I served as the teller for the ANS voting for the provisional appointment of the Acting Member-at-Large that resulted in Dr. Sharon Obasi's election to this role.

As a member of the *NAMES* Editorial Board, I reviewed some of the papers submitted for possible publication.

I prepared and edited this double Spring-Summer issue (2019) of the ANS Newsletter. Besides soliciting contributions from members, I wrote some pieces myself. As editor, I was responsible for layout and design.

Over the next months, I will edit the next issue of our newsletter and offer my contribution as a reviewer of our conference proposals.

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## COORDINATOR OF THE NAME OF THE YEAR ELECTION

*Cleveland Evans*

The annual vote for Names of the Year (NoY) was held at the Annual Meeting in New York City on January 4. "Jamal Khashoggi" won as overall Name of the Year and also as Personal Name of the Year. "Gritty" was Trade Name of the Year; "Paradise" was Place Name of the Year; "Wakanda" was Artistic & Literary Name of the Year; and "#MeToo" was the Miscellaneous Name of the Year.

For 2020, in addition to the above categories, a sixth category for Internet Name of the Year will be added.

As chair of the NoY committee, I prepared a report on the New York proceedings for *NAMES*. I have also been available for media interviews on various aspects of personal names and onomastics the last six months. I would like to thank Deborah Walker for her able assistance during the NoY vote.

Please send nominations for the 2019 NoY to <cevans@bellevue.edu> or <debwalk@gmail.com>.

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## ALLIED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

*Andreas Gavrielatos*

The ANS will participate in the 2020 MLA Convention with the panel "Semantic relations and personal 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 Literature. This year's final deadline was the 31 March 2019. 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: the *Naming and Auctoritas in Chrétien de Troyes and Marie de France* by Alani Hicks-Bartlett (New York University), the *Name Meanings and Associations in Twelfth Night* by Grant Smith (Eastern Washington University), and the *Accumulating Names in Thomas Hardy* by Calista McRae (New Jersey Institute of Technology). The three papers will demonstrate the multiplicity of approaches involved in examining the semantics of names in different literary periods and genres. Together, they reflect current trends in the study of Literary Onomastics, and they evince the inclusive character of the ANS.

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**TREASURER***Saundra K. Wright*

Our budget remains solid, and our expenses have been consistent with previous years. We have spent approximately \$3800 so far this year. This has included conference-related costs (the ANS dinner, conference technology use, and printing), payments to our web hosting company, and gifts and donations to acknowledge our gratitude for the dedication of our former officers. As of now, the balance in our CHASE account stands at \$39,114. We have not yet, however, paid Taylor & Francis for our journal subscriptions for this year.

In addition to issuing payments and sending reimbursements, I have been in charge of purchases, tax forms, and processing mail-in renewals. I have also been answering questions about budget-related expenses and advising on society expenditures.

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**EDITOR***NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS**Iman Nick*

Over the past six months, my attention has primarily been spent working with Taylor & Francis (T&F) to continue to facilitate the transition in editorship. This task has involved updating the *NAMES* Style Sheet based on the author date system of the newest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*; assembling a new and expanded Editorial Board; managing the increasing number of manuscript submissions received; devising a new automated submission and review system for manuscripts; coordinating with our current Book Review Editor Dr. Chris De Vinne and past *NAMES* Editor-in-Chief, Frank Nuessel regarding the stylistic guidelines for *NAMES* and upcoming reviews; creating a new interim system of manuscript submission and review until the final automated system has been activated by T&F; modernizing the new ANS webpages that appear on both the ANS website and the T&F website for *NAMES*; and updating the *NAMES* mailing lists. This last activity involved personally contacting all of the members of the American Name Society to determine whether their contact details are

correct. In cases where updates were needed, I collected the new details and passed on the cumulative results to our Vice President, Laurel Sutton. In addition, I have worked closely with Laurel Sutton and our T&F representatives to process multiple member requests to manage their subscriptions. Over the next six months, I plan to finalize the transition in editorship. At the moment, I am actively recruiting new members for the *NAMES* Editorial Board.

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**BOOK EDITOR***NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS**Christine De Vinne*

Thanks to Iman's skills and Frank's forecasting, it has been a smooth transition to her new editorship of the journal. With a good number of prepared reviews in the queue, there are another dozen books in the hands of reviewers, with reminders that went out at the beginning of summer to those who might find some extra time for reading in the sunshine. I have placed five reviews with Iman for publication in upcoming issues, and three new titles are waiting for someone to claim them (with offerings listed in the section "From the Book Review Editor"). As always, anyone who has titles to suggest or who would like to review books is encouraged to get in touch at <cdevinne@ursuline.edu>.

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**INFORMATION OFFICER***Evgeny Shokhenmayer*

I've tried to inform our audience about names-related news and events not only from the USA but worldwide. Since January 2019, I've posted over 60 news. Many of the posts discuss important onomastic news and events, not just ANS business, so we are providing valuable information to a much larger audience and, hopefully, will gain new members because of that.

For the next six months, the purpose of the ANS Information officer will be to share interesting information about various names. I envisage to work out a strategy to look for and detect the best suitable content for the ANS

news. Besides that, we will do continue to represent and promote the American Name Society, to provide valuable messages, to grow the community and to attract new members.

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### *Members-at-Large*

#### **MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2019-2021)**

*Jan Tent*

I have been reviewing quite a few submissions to *Names*. I plan to continue helping out Iman Nick as much as I can with reviewing articles and returning them as soon as I can.

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#### **MEMBER AT LARGE (2017-2019)**

*Jason Chen*

Report not submitted by the submission deadline.

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#### **MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2018-2020)**

*Sharon N. Obasi*

As a new Member-at-Large, I have spent the past few months observing the running of the American Name Society with particular attention to the content posted on the webpage. I have also had the privilege of serving as a reviewer for the journal *NAMES*.

## Special Interest Groups on Facebook

### **Mid-term Reports**

#### *Coordinators*

#### **LITERARY NAMES**

*Susan Behrens*

I continue to be administrator for the Facebook Special Interest Group Literary Names. I also frequently post on the other SIG sights Personal Names, Trade Names, and Place Names since onomastics is always in the news. The posts in general are wonderful to read, knowing that we are all onomastically-aware as we go through the day. I coordinated two special panels on Literary Names for the January 2019 ANS conference.

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#### **PERSONAL NAMES**

*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. In the coming year, I would like to send more targeted, personal invitations to join the group, increase the frequency of my posts, and work to create stimulating discussions among group members. At the ANS 2020 meeting, I look forward to organizing an informal gathering among group members to exchange questions and ideas.

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#### **PLACE NAMES**

*Sharon N. Obasi*

Since becoming the coordinator of the Facebook Special Interest Group on place names, I have continued my efforts to post information regarding place names, toponymic research and policies in various communities worldwide. The Facebook group now has 58 members and I thank all participants for contributing to the growth of this group. I look forward to



continuing to increase group membership and to stimulate conversation regarding place names.

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## TRADE NAMES

*Mirko Casagrande*

As coordinator of the ANS Facebook Special Interest Group about trade names, my work has mainly consisted in accepting or refusing new members on the basis of their interest in the subject, posting news and articles about brand names, trademarks and trade names, and moderating some of the posts written by other members. In the second half of the year, I would like to increase the number of members and stimulate discussion about the topics that are posted.

## Editor's Message

Dear ANS Members,

This double issue includes material related to our 2019 conference in New York and our future events. Among the latter, what definitely stands out is our conference in New Orleans and our panel at the MLA.



Needless to say that any further news you would like to share with the ANS community is more than welcome! Sample material for our Fall issue may include articles, photos, interviews, reviews, calls for papers, comments, stories, and reports on onomastic events. Please send your contributions **by September 20, 2019**.

I would like to thank you all for your support and suggestions.

Special thanks go to our President Dorothy Dodge Robbins, our Vice President Laurel Sutton and our Immediate Past President Iman Nick for the material they sent, their wonderful editing, and their comments!

In closing, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer time!

*Luisa Caiazzo*

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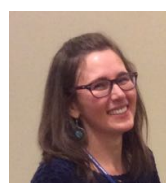
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