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The American Name Society 2020 Conferences

2020 ANS Banquet

New Orleans' distinctive architecture, music, and food all contribute to the city's unique culture. Plan to join your ANS friends, old and new, at The Grand Isle Restaurant on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2020 ANS Banquet. The Grand Isle Restaurant, located at 575 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, is the ideal venue for our annual celebration. Not only do food critics consider the Grand Isle to be one of the best restaurants in the Warehouse District, it was recently recognized as one of New Orleans' 10 best oyster bars. It's also a convenient two-block walk from the convention hotel.



Interior view of the Grand Isle Restaurant, New Orleans, Louisiana

Once there, we will feast on the three-course "Barataria Pass Menu." For your starter, you may select either fresh seafood gumbo or the Grand Isle house salad with green goddess dressing. Entrée selections include chili butter baked fish with stewed greens and cheese grits, oven roasted chicken with zesty mashed potatoes, green beans, and chicken gravy, or a comparable vegetarian option. For dessert, all

diners will enjoy lemon ice box pie, a Grand Isle classic. Coffee or decaf coffee will be provided with meals; other drinks are available. The total cost of the meal is \$40 per person, subject to a 10.75% sales tax and a 20% service charge. Conveniently, this year guests may pay at the restaurant rather than in advance.

The restaurant is named after its owners' favorite place, Grand Isle, Louisiana, whose gulf waters are the source of its fish and seafood. Local flavors, ingredients, and techniques unique to the coastal region combine to offer an inspired and award-winning menu. Chef Ryan Haigler's gastronomic innovations are not limited to seafood, but apply equally to beef and poultry specialties. The restaurant's décor has been described as a "fancy fishing camp." According to its website, "you will leave Grand Isle having had the best version ever of something you know and love, or the most unique new dish you've ever tried."

Dorothy Dodge Robbins

2020 ANS Panel at MLA

The Modern Language Association Convention will be held in Seattle, WA, and will host a panel proposed by the Allied Conference Coordinator of the American Name Society, Dr. Andreas Gavrielatos. 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 to the 2020 ANS conference is open. Both participants and presenters can registers using either the online or the .pdf form available on the American Society website at

<https://www.americannamesociety.org/conferences/ans-2020-annual-conference-registration/>.

President's Note

Greetings from the ANS President!

I look forward to gathering with fellow attendees at the 2020 ANS Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, from January 2-5.



New Orleans is a city abundant with names, many of which reflect its historical, geographic, and cultural roots: the Garden District, Jackson Square, the

French Quarter, Bourbon Street, St. Louis Cathedral, and Preservation Hall. Many of these iconic places are just a short walk or a streetcar ride away from our conveniently located convention hotel, the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Scholars and general names enthusiasts from around the globe will be sharing their latest research into names and naming practices. ANS panels will cover the onomastic big four—literary names, place names, brand names, and personal names—along with additional forays into names in the law, names in music, and names in comics. A number of presentations have regional connections, either to the city of New Orleans or to the state of Louisiana.

This year's banquet will be held at the Grand Isle Restaurant on Saturday, January 4. As the conference winds down, do plan to join us for this festive evening of fine food and better company. This highly rated venue is within walking distance of the conference hotel.

All best,
Dorothy Dodge Robbins

The ANS Emerging Scholar Award

About ANSESA

In 2007, the American Name Society established the ANS Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA) which recognizes the outstanding scholarship of a names researcher in the early stages of their academic or professional career.

This special distinction is given to a young 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. Jan Tent (the ESA Committee Chair), Dr. Luisa Caiazzo and Mr Jason Chen.

To be eligible for the ANSESA award, applicants must be an entry-level professional, an untenured academic, or a student, and have their single-authored abstract accepted for presentation at the ANS annual conference. They must also be a member of the ANS.

Winners of the ANSESA will not only receive a cash prize, but will also be mentored by a senior onomastics scholar who will assist the awardee in preparing his/her paper for submission and possible publication in the ANS journal, *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*. The paper will also be designated as the prize-winning student paper in the ANS annual meeting program.

How to Apply

To be considered for this award, applicants must submit the full text of their paper by midnight (E.S.T.) the **5th of December 2019** to **both** ANS President Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins (<drobbins@latech.edu>) and this year's ESA Chair, Dr. Jan Tent (<jan.tent@mq.edu.au>). Submissions must be sent as an email attachment in .docx format. For ease of processing, **please be sure to include the keyword "ESA2019" in the subject line of your email.**

Papers previously published are not eligible for consideration. However, papers based on unpublished theses or dissertations are eligible. The Emerging Scholar Award Selection Committee will judge all submissions for their methodological soundness, innovation, and potential contribution to the field of onomastic research.

Although past recipients of the Emerging

Scholar award are eligible to re-apply for this award for an entirely new piece of scholarship, preference may be given to applicants who have not yet received the award. In addition, 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.

Deadline for submissions: December 5, 2019

ANSESA: Submission Guidelines

All submissions should be prepared according to the guidelines provided at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/layout/style_YNAM.pdf>. The submission may not exceed 2,500 words (including the references, notes, and keywords but excluding any charts, graphs, or tables). All submissions must also include the following text elements in the order listed below:

- 100 word abstract
- 5 key words
- introduction
- methodology
- discussion
- conclusion
- notes (not to exceed 5 in number nor contain more than a total of 100 words)
- list of references

In addition to these basic organizational guidelines, authors are asked to use the formatting rules listed in the official style sheet of *Names*, the journal of the American Name Society (this information is available at the American Name Society website: <<http://www.americannamesociety.org/the-journal/>>). Submissions will not only be judged upon the quality of the writing and the scientific merit of the study presented, but also on their adherence to these formatting regulations.

ANS News

Names, Naming, Identity, and the Law: Call for Chapters Proposals

ANS members are invited to submit book chapter proposals for an upcoming publication on Names, Naming, Identity, and the Law. In particular, chapter proposals are sought that critically address one of the following two sub-areas:

SUB-AREA ONE: the relationship between names, naming, the law and one of the following areas of identity: gender identification, sexual orientation, ethno-racial classification, family status, political affiliation, socio-economic attainment, religious denomination; nationality and citizenship, etc.

SUB-AREA TWO: the analytical methods used by private industry and/or governmental agencies to covertly or overtly extrapolate information about name-bearers' potential identity using onomastic data.

The focus of this publication is placed upon nations where English is used as either a national or official language. However, chapter proposals that draw comparisons with other geolinguistic areas are also welcome. Proposals may explore any type of name (e.g. personal names, place names, trade names, brand names, etc.). The intended readership for this publication is made up of university students in advanced courses (upper undergrad/grad) as well as researchers in the disciplines of linguistics, language policy, law, history, sociology, government and politics. Questions regarding the suitability of envisioned themes can be sent to I. M. Nick (mavi.yaz@web.de). The deadline for receipt of proposals is January 5, 2020.

I. M. Nick

2020 Slate of Nominees for ANS Officers

The 2019 Nomination Committee is pleased to announce that this year's slate of nominees was approved by a majority vote of the 2019 ANS-EC. In accordance with Art. IV, Sec 1c of the

ANS bylaws, the current ANS Secretary, Dr. Luisa Caiazzo in conjunction with our Vice President Laurel Suttor and our Information Officer, Dr. Evgeny Shokhenmayer, already posted notice of the slate to the current ANS membership. The official slate is made up of the following nominees:

Allied Conference Coordinator (2020-2022):

Dr. Luisa Caiazzo (University of Basilicata, ITALY). **Dr. Caiazzo** is associate professor of English Linguistics and Translation at the University of Basilicata. She received her PhD in English for Special Purposes at the University of Naples "Federico II". Her areas of interest include Corpus Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Translation Studies



and Onomastics. Recently, she edited the volumes *(Re)naming Places*, *(Re)shaping Identities* (with Oriana Palusci), and *Naming, Identity and Tourism* (with Richard Coates and Maoz Azaryahu). She has also served as a blind reviewer for articles submitted to the following journals: *NAMES*, *AION*, *Applied Linguistics* and *Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis across Disciplines*. Luisa has served as the ANS Secretary since 2016 and has recently joined the Editorial Board of *NAMES*.

Secretary (2020-2022): Dr. Star Medzerian Vanguri (Nova Southeastern University, USA)



Dr. Vanguri is associate professor and associate chair of the Department of Writing and Communication at Nova Southeastern University, where she has been since 2010. She also serves as the director of the composition program. She received a B.A. in English from Florida State University and an M.A. in English Education from the University of Central Florida. Her Ph.D. is in Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English, from the University of Arizona. She teaches undergraduate and

graduate courses in writing, rhetoric, and stylistics. Recent publications include two edited collections: *The Centrality of Style* and *Rhetorics of Names and Naming*. Star's work has also appeared in the scholarly journals *Rhetoric Review* and the *Journal of Writing Research*.

Membership Officer (2020-2022): Dr. Sharon N. Obasi (University of Nebraska Kearney,



USA). **Dr. Obasi** is a Behavioral Neuroscientist developing scholarship in the area of self-identity, social identity and the influence of identity on the articulation of policy and the implementation of programs for vulnerable populations in rural locales. Her research on namesaking is central to her scholarship, teaching, and service. She has been a regular presenter at the ANS annual conference and has served as an abstract reviewer for the event. She currently serves as an ANS Member-at-Large, the ANS Facebook SIG Coordinator for Place Names, and is a member of the *NAMES* Editorial Board. Her stated aspiration is to continue to serve the ANS by encouraging membership within the organization and contributing to thought-provoking discussions on onomastics.

Member-at-large (2020-2022): Dr. Andreas Gavrielatos (University of Reading,



ENGLAND). **Dr. Gavrielatos** completed his BA in Classical Philology and an MA in Latin Philology at the University of Athens. He received his PhD at the University of Leeds in 2013 with a thesis entitled 'Personal names on Gallo-Roman terra

sigillata (1st – 3rd c. AD).' His PhD studies were funded by the AHRC. Both Andreas's doctoral work and subsequent research projects focus on the onomastic changes that occur in communities

and/or individual choices that reflect the effects of multiculturalism and/or multilingualism. He has taught at the Universities of Leeds and Edinburgh and at the Open University of Cyprus. Currently, he is at the University of Reading and was recently elected as a Research Associate at the Institute of Advanced Studies (London). A specialist in anthroponymy and classical philology, he helped to develop a major project focused on the development of theoretical framework for the analysis of personal names in ancient multilingual communities of the Roman Empire. Andreas also recently completed an edited volume entitled "Self Presentation and Identity in the Roman World". Although his research is based in Ancient Onomastics, his ultimate aim is to identify connections to modern attitudes towards personal names and their function in shaping individual identities in a radically changing world. Andreas has served as the ANS Allied Conference Coordinator since 2016. During this time, he has organized four panels for the annual MLA convention (2017-2020).

The final vote on the slate of nominees will take place at the upcoming annual conference of the ANS in January 2020. On behalf of the ANS, the Nominating Committee wishes to thank each of the above mentioned persons for volunteering to share their time and expertise in service of our Society.

I. M. Nick

In Memoriam

Alan Rayburn (1932-2019)

On the 19th of September 2019, a former President of the American Name Society, Alan Rayburn, passed away at the age of 86.

An internationally recognized toponymist, Alan published many seminal pieces on the North American place names.



A funeral mass in celebration of his life was held in Ottawa, Canada on September 26, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Teresa (née Fox); their three sons Kevin, Sean, and Garth; and their grandson Thomas.

The American Name Society would like to express its sincere condolences to the Rayburn family. Alan will always be remembered for his outstanding scholarly contributions, his many decades of service to the ANS, and his extraordinary kindness to the ANS family.

Friends and colleagues of the Alan Rayburn can share their condolences at <www.kellyfh.ca>.

John Algeo (1930-2019)

Long time ANS member, past ANS President (1984), and names scholar John Algeo passed away on Sun., Oct.



13th 2019, at the age of 88, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Over the years he published several important articles in *NAMES*.

The American Name Society would like to express its sincere condolences to the Algeo family.

In 1979, he served as president of the American Dialect Society and was the editor for *American Speech* from 1969 to 1982. He also

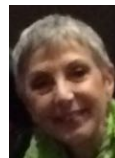
served as chair of the society's New Words Committee, and in that capacity edited "Among the New Words" for *American Speech* from 1987 to 1997, joined for most of that time by his wife Adele as co-editor.

They commemorated the 50th anniversary of the feature in 1991 with the publication of the book *50 Years Among the New Words*. He also wrote and edited many other valuable works on American English, including *Cambridge History of the English Language: Vol. VI, English in North America* (2001), *British American Grammatical Differences* (2004), *The Origins and Development of the English Language* (6th ed., 2005), and *British or American English? A Handbook of Word and Grammar Patterns* (2006).

Editor's Message

Dear ANS Members,

This Fall issue is reaching you from a summerish Naples, a pretty unusual weather by any standard, including the well known nickname 'City of Sun'. This issue offers just a taste of the Society upcoming events, our conference in New Orleans and our panel at MLA. You'll find out more in the Winter issue and on our website.



As always, any further news you would like to share with the ANS community cannot but improve our newsletter. Sample material may include articles, photos, interviews, reviews, calls for papers, comments, stories, and reports on onomastic events. Please send your contributions **by December 5, 2019**.

Once again, thank you all for your comments and suggestions!

Special thanks go to our President Dorothy Dodge Robbins and our Vice President Laurel Sutton for their amazing editing, and their comments!

All best,
Luisa Caiazzo

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