



American Name Society

Thursday, January 2, 2020

Executive Committee Meeting

Room: Steering

Time: 3:00-6:00 PM

Friday, January 3, 2020

Conference Opening Address

Room: Steering

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

Time: 8:00-8:15 AM

Names in Graphic, Comic, & Young Adult Fiction

Room: Steering

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

8:15 *Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University):* Onomastic connections in Joann Sfar's *The Rabbi's Cat*

8:45 *Mark Peters (Independent Scholar, Chicago, IL, USA):* Baron Von Evilstein, Granny Goodness, and Morticoccus: A taxonomy of comic book creator Jack Kirby's Names

9:15 *Lauren Guillory (Louisiana Tech University):* Nomenclature and the structure of society in Lois Lowry's *The Giver*

Name Brand Entertainment

Room: Bridge

Chair: Jason Yi An Chen (Indiana University Bloomington, USA)

8:15 *Jason Yi An Chen (Indiana University Bloomington, USA):* Linguistic and cultural adaptation of Chinese film title translations

8:45 *Tao Ma (Shanghai Sanda University, China)*: A balance between creativeness and usability: Semantic patterns to registers among application software names

9:15 *James Butler (Lancaster University, UK)*: Mapping Literary Namescapes: Representing Fictional Cartographies through Space and Time

Literary Names & Semantics

Room: Steering

Chair: Ken Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

10:00 Cancellation

10:30 *Arpi Movsesian (University of California Santa Barbara, USA)*: “Wisdom” and “The Man of God”: The semantics of Dostoevsky’s proper names in *Crime and Punishment* and *The Brothers Karamazov*

11:00 *Shoshana Milgram Knapp (Virginia Tech, USA)*: Signaling villainy through subtle semantic connotations: Ayn Rand’s use of negative personal names

Place Names: Original & Revised

Room: Bridge

Chair: Edward Callary (Northern Illinois University, USA)

10:00 *Edward Callary (Northern Illinois University, USA)*: Texas: A challenge to the origin of the name

10:30 *Brittnee Leysen-Ross (University of Glasgow, Scotland)*: Cognitive toponymy: Establishing a sense of place in the Central Otago goldfields

11:00 Cancellation

Names of the Year Selection

Room: Steering

Chair: Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University, Nebraska, USA)

Time: 11:30-12:30

Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM

Literary Names: Irish & Caribbean Connections

Room: Steering

Chair: Christine De Vinne (Ursuline College, Ohio, USA)

1:30 *Christine De Vinne (Ursuline College, Ohio, USA)*: Nameless by design: The effects of anonymity in Ann Burns’s *Milkman*

2:00 Cancellation

2:30 *Kate Brennan (University of Toronto, Canada)*: Semantic relations and personal names in literature: Naming as authority

Julianys, Jared, Janvier: J Names!

Room: Bridge

Chair: Maryann Parada (California State University Bakersfield, USA)

1:30 *Maryann Parada and Lena Taub Robles (California State University Bakersfield, USA):* Julianys and Jadel: The innovative and emblematic -/is/ and -/jel/ trends across three decades of Puerto Rican naming

2:00 *Richard D. Janda (University of Illinois Bloomington, USA):* From Jared to Jharredd & 220 others: On orthographic exuberance & onomatophaia

2:30 *Marielle Côté-Gendreau (McGill University & Université de Montréal, Canada):* Awareness of cognates revealed through the naming calendar: Janviers born in January in Ancient Quebec

Politics, Culture, & Names

Room: Steering

Chair: Mirko Casagrande (University of Calabria, Italy)

3:15 *Mirko Casagrande (University of Calabria, Italy):* This is Blockadia: A corpus-assisted analysis of environmental activism on social media

3:45 *Jerrilyn McGregory (Florida State University, USA):* “PRONOUNCE IT LIKE IT SOUNDS”: Black popular culture’s devaluation of African American personal names

4:15 *Smita Joseph (The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India):* A comparative study of the personal names of Telugu Catholics and Syrian Christians of Kerala

Trends in Naming Children

Room: Bridge

Chair: Laurel Sutton (Catchword Branding, California, USA)

3:15 *Jong-Mi Kim (Kwangwan National University, Korea):* Naming and cross-cultural trends: Historical evidence of linguistic and cultural feature changes in Korean names, 1940-2017

3:45 *Marielle Côté-Gendreau (McGill University & Université de Montréal, Canada):* Expansion of stocks of first names, decrease of parent-to-child transmission and rise of multiple naming in Ancient Quebec: What came first?

4:15 *Gerrit Bloothoof (Utrecht University, the Netherlands):* The emergence of Zipf’s law in fashionable names

Film Premier

Room: Steering

Chair: Laurel Sutton (Catchword Branding, California, USA)

Time: 6:30- 8:00 PM

Nware Rahsaan Burge (Kean University, Union, New Jersey, USA)

DNA: Using Genealogy to Change My ~~SLAVE~~ Last Name

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Family Names in American Fiction

Room: Steering

Chair: Ken Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

8:30 *Ken Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA):* “Call me Shane”: Names as intensifiers in Jack Schaefer’s tale

9:00 *Jeanne C. Ewert (University of Florida, USA):* Faulkner’s “lumber room” of allusions and etymology: Onomastics in *As I Lay Dying*

9:30 *Kimberly Tucker (Louisiana Tech University, USA):* Slighting the family name: Poe’s “The Cask of Amontillado”

French, Spanish, & Louisianan Names

Room: Bridge

Chair: Cleveland Kent Evans (Bellevue University, Nebraska, USA)

8:30 *Cleveland Kent Evans (Bellevue University, Nebraska, USA):* Pelican state babies: The top 100 given names in Louisiana, 1960-2017, compared with national figures

9:00 *Richard Winters (The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA):* Three Spanish surnames in French-speaking Louisiana

9:30 *Marielle Côté-Gendreau (McGill University & Université de Montréal, Canada):* Tracking Napoleon, his name and his myth in 19th century Quebec: Sociodemographic approach to a revealing naming trend

Lyrical Names/Names in Lyrics

Room: Steering

Chair: Laurel Sutton (Catchword Branding, California, USA)

10:15 *Stephen da Silva (Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Texas, USA):* Re-Naming and the Paradoxes of Power in Forster’s Libretto to *Billy Budd*

10:45 *Karen Duchaj (Northeastern Illinois University, USA):* Stressed syllable constraints on English names in pop music: Evidence from Lennon and McCartney

African Place Names

Room: Bridge

Chair: Mirko Casagrande (University of Calabria, Italy)

10:15 *Zvinashe Mamvura (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany):* Selective re-membering or selective forgetting? Streetscape and power in Zimbabwe

10:45 Cancellation

Names & the Law

Room: Steering

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

12:00 *Derek Warden (Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA, USA):* Through the lens of due process: An historical introduction to the relationship between law and names

12:30 Cancellation

Names & the Medical Field

Room: Bridge

Chair: Jason Yi An Chen (Indiana University Bloomington, USA)

12:00 *Brian King (University of Hong Kong):* Names & keywords as “rich points”: The case of biomedical naming practices and intersex bodies

12:30 *Oswald Chanda (Central European University, Hungary):* Safeguarding cultural heritage through personal and place names: Raising awareness through Zambian educational institutions and community

Lunch 1:00-2:00

Keynote Speech

Room: Steering

Chair: Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA)

Time: 2:00- 3:00 PM

Nick Spitzer (Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, USA)
Roots to Routes: Naming an American Radio Program

Names in British Literature

Room: Steering

Chair: Grant Smith (Eastern Washington University, USA)

3:15 *Grant Smith (Eastern Washington University: USA):* The linguistic mix of names in *Love's Labor Lost*

3:45 Cancellation

4:15 *Victoria Axton (Louisiana Tech University, USA):* Bella/Victoria's beautiful victory: An onomastic feminist study of Alasdair Gray's *Poor Things*

Names in Translation

Room: Bridge

Chair: Luisa Caiazzo (University of Basilicata, Italy)

3:15 *Catarina Saracco (University of Genoa, Italy):* When you cannot say you are hungry: Leo Spitzer and the proper names of hunger in Italian

3:45 *Brandon Simonson (Boston University, Massachusetts, USA):* Ancient personal names in transliteration and translation: The case of Aramaic names in Syria and Mesopotamia

4:15 Cancellation

Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

Room: Steering

Time: 5:00-6:00 PM

ANS Conference Dinner

Venue: Grand Isle Restaurant (575 Convention Center Blvd)

Time: 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Executive Council Meeting

Room: Steering

Time: 8:00-9:00 AM