A New Look for Names

Volume 56, number 1 (March 2008) of Names should arrive soon, with an exciting and radical new look. Here is an image of the front cover, very different from the appearance of the last fifty-five years.

A Note from Treasurer Michael McGoff about Renewing Your ANS Membership

The Executive Council (EC) of the American Name Society has successfully moved the publication of Names: A Journal of Onomastics to Maney Publishing, a world leader in scholarly publications which is headquartered in the United Kingdom and Boston. We are excited about the future of the journal and are hopeful that this move to Maney will serve the interests of ANS members and Institutional subscribers for years to come. The EC hopes that you, too, will find the new format for the journal exhilarating.

As a part of this agreement the EC has also contracted with Maney to administer all processes involved with subscription and membership services. This is a big step for us! We urge our members to bear with us as we work with Maney to get the bugs out of the renewal process.

To renew for 2008, if you have not already, and in the future, please contact Maney in one of the following five ways:
- E-mail: contact the subscriptions department using the e-mail address: subscriptions@maney.co.uk.
- Telephone (UK office): +44 113 243 2800
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- Snail mail: Send a check made out to Maney Publishing, clearly indicating that you are an ANS member, to Maney Publishing, Suite 1C, Joseph's Well, Hanover Walk, Leeds LS3 1AB, UK or Maney Publishing North America, 875 Massachusetts Avenue, 7th Floor, Cambridge MA 02139 USA.
- Online through the Maney website: http://www.maney.co.uk/search?fwaction=subscriptions&fwid=786. A link to this site is at the ANS website: http://wtsn.binghamton.edu/ ans/.

Alison Holgate, the marketing executive at Maney, sends the following instructions for making your renewal through the website: Click on Order/Add To Shopping Basket underneath Add Individual Subscription. On the next page select North America from the Delivery Country drop-down menu and click on Save Your Choices. This will change the amount shown in the box at the top to $40. Then click on Purchase Online Now at the top right of the screen. This will take you to the screen where you can fill in your details and go to the secure payment site. Members from other countries may use these instructions as an example for how to use the site but should click on the appropriate choices for their individual renewals.

As I have suggested, please bear with us during this changeover. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE YOU AS A MEMBER! If you are having trouble, please write, e-mail, or call me.

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2009 Meeting In Portland, Oregon

The next annual meeting of the American Name Society will be January 8–11, 2009, at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower. Again, ANS will meet jointly with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), the American Dialect Society (ADS), and other allied groups.

Paper Proposals for 2009 Meeting Due August 15

ANS invites précis and abstracts for papers and program suggestions.

Papers in any area of onomastics are appropriate, and a précis of not more than 500 words, along with a 100-word abstract for publication in both the LSA and ANS
meeting programs, should be submitted as soon as convenient but no later than August 15, 2008. In the précis, the subject of the proposed paper should be stated in a simple topic sentence, then effectively supported by substantiating information and specific examples.

The preferred way to send both the précis and accompanying abstract is by an introductory e-mail with attachment sent to ANS1stVP@verizon.net, with “ANS Proposal” in the subject line. They may also be sent by surface mail, addressed to: P. A. Ord, 414 High Earls Road, Westminster, MD 21158-3710. If you need additional time to secure international payments and plan for travel to the United States, you are urged to submit your précis and abstracts as soon as possible so as to make the necessary arrangements to be present in January.

All précis will be evaluated anonymously, and their authors will be notified by September 1, 2008. The abstracts for papers that are accepted will be published in the LSA Meeting Handbook. Abstracts and biographical information for each participant, which will be requested at the time the proposal is accepted, will be printed in an abbreviated ANS program.

Membership in ANS is a requirement of all presenters, who must also pay the LSA conference registration fee. This fee allows access to all LSA, ADS, and other allied organizations’ sessions; the plenary sessions; the book exhibits; and the job placement service. It also makes one eligible for a reduced rate at the conference hotel. Presenters will also be expected to pay an additional, incidental registration fee to ANS to cover expenses for any items not provided by LSA. Papers that are accepted for presentation must be read by their author or co-author. In the event that one is unable to attend the meeting, the paper will not be presented or read by another.

Further information concerning the Linguistic Society of America may be obtained from the LSA homepage at www.lsadc.org. Additional information about the American Name Society may be accessed at www.wtson.binghamton.edu/ANS/. Complete information regarding the 2008 annual meeting, including all fees, will be available on the ANS website by late summer.

The LSA has created a new position, Director of Membership and Meetings, which should make the meeting this year and in future years go more smoothly than in the last couple of years. The new Director is David Robinson, who has worked for nearly twenty years in Georgetown University’s linguistics department, the largest enrolled linguistics department in the U. S. David joins Katha Kissman, Interim Executive Director, and Rita Lewis, Executive Assistant at the Secretariat.

**Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA)**

In 2007 the American Name Society established the ANS Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA), funded anonymously in the amount of $250, to be awarded to the undergraduate or graduate student who submits the best paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting.

In addition to the cash prize, the student will receive a two-year membership in ANS, as well as assistance in preparing the paper for publication in NAMES or another journal. The paper will also be designated as the prize-winning student paper in the ANS annual meeting program. In years that no paper is deemed worthy, no award will be given.

Students whose submissions are accepted for presentation should submit, as an attachment to an e-mail with “ANSESA Submission” in the subject line, the completed final draft of their papers by November 15, 2008. All submissions should be sent to Priscilla A. Ord, ANS First Vice President, at ANS1stVP@verizon.net. She will then forward all submissions to the award committee for judging.

**2008 ANSESA Winner**

The winner of the 2008 ANSESA was announced at the annual meeting in Chicago. The recipient was Idowu Olusola Odobode of Redeemer’s University in Ogun State, Nigeria. He is a Ph.D. student in English and a lecturer in the department. The title of his paper is “A Lexio-Semantic Interpretation of Names and Nicknames in Soyinka’s King Baabu.”

**ANS Meeting in Chicago**

The annual meeting of the American Name Society was held at the Chicago Hilton January 3-6, 2008. The venue was changed from the location announced in the Fall ANS Bulletin, The Palmer House Hilton, because remodeling at that hotel was not finished in time.

First Vice President Priscilla Ord put together a strong program, with nearly twenty-five presenters and two distinguished invited speakers, Edward Calary, and Eric Hamp.

There was, in addition, an opportunity for members to socialize. Co-Presidents Don and Alleen Nilsen hosted a reception on Thursday, the first night, to which members of the American Dialect Society (ADS) were also invited. On Friday night, after a reception at the hotel sponsored by ADS, ANS members were bused to The Italian Village, a restaurant on Madison Street, for the annual banquet.

Earlier Friday was the voting for the Name of the
Year. The winner was *Betrayus*, a pun on the name of David Petraeus, Commanding General of the International Forces in Iraq. Coming in second was *Barack Hussein Obama*. That same afternoon, ADS chose its Word of the Year: *subprime*. Details for the 2008 Name of the Year will be announced in the Fall issue of the *ANS Bulletin*.

On Friday, Edward Callary made a special presentation to Edwin Lawson, the December 2007 issue of *Names*, a Festschrift in his honor. Callary was the guest editor. At the business meeting, the Executive Council awarded a commemorative plaque to Ren Vasiliev, the outgoing editor of *Names*. Christine DeVinne accepted the plaque on behalf of Dr. Vasiliev, who was unable to attend.

**Submitting Articles to *Names: A Journal of Onomastic***

Frank Nuessel, Editor of *Names*, is seeking scholarly articles to be considered for publication in late 2008 and early 2009.

In order to ensure the orderly review of all submissions, a few suggestions to contributors are in order.

- The contribution must directly address some aspect of names and onomastics.
- Submissions must follow the *Names* style sheet available at the American Name Society Website: [http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/](http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/).
- Contributors should ask one or two colleagues to read their submissions carefully and critically prior to sending them to the Editor of *Names* so that any issues of grammar and content may be addressed prior to submission.
- All submissions must be submitted electronically by sending them to Professor Nuessel’s e-mail address (fhnues01@louisville.edu) together with an explanatory e-mail.
- Once contributors receive the external evaluators’ comments, they must address all of the points raised in their revisions in order to facilitate the process. Failure to address the points raised by the external reviewers will result in substantial delays, and possible rejection.
- Any revisions should be addressed within four weeks.

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**ANS at MLA**

Second Vice President Kemp Williams has organ-ized two excellent sessions for the Modern Language Association Convention in San Francisco (December 27–39, 2008).

1. **Naming and Not Naming**
   - Brandy Ryan, Univ. of Toronto, “Naming the Dead: Elegiac Ritual and Onomastic Intervention in Hemans, Landon, Barrett, and Rossetti”
   - Joanie Crandall, Univ. of Saskatchewan, “‘Making his name a name without a family’: English Onomastic Schemes and the Cree Tradition in *Three Day Road*”
   - Kerry M. Manders, York Univ., “On Not Naming: Onomastic Absence in Cather’s *My Antonia*.”

2. **Naming the Self, the Namer, and the Other**
   - Anjanette Darrington, Southern Connecticut State Univ., “Who are Alaska Young, Hope Yan-cey and Primrose Squarp?: Names and Naming in Young Adult Literature.”
   - Anjali Pandey, Salisbury Univ., “What the F— was your Name?” Examining the Politics of Linguistic Denigration in 21st Century Hollywood.”

**Upcoming Meetings**

**ICOS 2008**

The International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be at York University, near Toronto, Canada, August 17–22, 2008. This will be the first time ICOS has met in North America since 1985. For information, send an e-mail message to Dr. Sheila Embleton, embleton@yorku.ca, or go to the ICOS website, [http://icos2008.yorku.ca](http://icos2008.yorku.ca).

**COGNA**

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities will meet in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 2–6, 2008. For information send an e-mail to T. Wayne Furr, twfurr@cogna50usa.org, or go to the COGNA website, [http://cogna50usa.org/](http://cogna50usa.org/).

**Book Notice**

ANS member Laurence Urdang’s latest book is now available from Omnigraphics. *The Last Word—The English Language: Opinions and Prejudices* (281 pp., $30) explores the many facets of contemporary English, including word origins, expressions, names and naming, and how language changes over time. Urdang is the author, co-author, or editor of about 125 dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other
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Elections for new officers will be in the fall of this year. The Nominating Committee (Cleveland Evans, Chair (cevans@bellevue.edu); Margaret Lee (margaret.lee@hamptonu.edu) , and Edward Callary (ecallary@niu.edu) ) will accept suggestions through August 1, 2008. If you know of members who may be interested in these positions, or if you are interested yourself, contact one of the members of the Committee.

One new Member-at-Large must be elected. The position of Secretary will be open, since Tom Gasque has expressed his desire to step down.

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