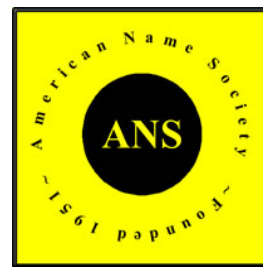


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## Frank Nuessel to be Editor of *Names*



Dr. Frank Nuessel, Professor in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages at the University of Louisville, has accepted the position as Editor of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, the official journal of the American Name Society. His term of service will begin with the first issue of 2008.

Professor Nuessel, a native of Chicago, received a B. A. from Indiana University, Bloomington, an M.A. from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Prior to his present position, Dr. Nuessel taught at Northern Illinois University and Indiana State University. At the University of Louisville, he teaches Italian, Spanish, linguistics, and humanities courses. He has taught Spanish as a Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and was a Visiting Professor of Communication and Semiotics at *L'Università della Svizzera Italiana* (Lugano, Switzerland).

He has written or edited fifteen books and has published more than 200 articles in Spanish linguistics and literature, aging, and onomastics. In addition, he has presented 180 papers at professional meetings. His most important contribution to onomastics is his 1992 book, *The Study of Names: A Guide to the Principles and Topics*.

He has extensive experience in scholarly publication, currently serving on the editorial boards of *Italica*, *Hispania*, *Semiotica*, *Hispanic Linguistics*, *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies*, *Mosaic*, and *The International Journal of Applied Semiotics*. Since 1983 he has served as Review Editor of the journal *Language Problems and Language Planning*.

Frank Nuessel will bring to *Names* a wealth of experience and ideas. We welcome him and look forward to his tenure as editor.

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## 2008 Meeting in Chicago

The next annual meeting of the American Name Society will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, January 3–6, 2008. As in the last two years, ANS will meet jointly with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), the American Dialect Society (ADS), and other allied groups.

Members of ANS are encouraged to submit proposals for papers. The deadline for proposals is August 1, 2007, but earlier submissions are encouraged. Papers in any area of onomastics are appropriate.

The proposal should take the form of a précis of not more than 500 words in which the subject is stated in a simple topic sentence effectively supported by substantiating information and specific examples.

Abstracts of papers accepted will be published in the LSA and ANS programs. Abstracts are limited to 100 words and should be sent at the same time as the longer précis.

The preferred method of submitting proposals is through an introductory e-mail with the précis and abstract included as an attachment. Send to First Vice-President Priscilla Ord: [paord@verizon.net](mailto:paord@verizon.net). Paper copies may also be sent to P. A. Ord, 414 High Earls Road, Westminster, MD 21158-3710.

Those who live outside the U.S. and who may need additional time to secure international payments and plans for travel should submit their proposals as soon as possible to be able to make the necessary arrangements to be present in January.

All précis will be evaluated anonymously, and authors will be notified of acceptance on or before August 15, 2007.

Membership in ANS is required of all presenters. They need not be members of LSA but must pay the LSA conference fee, which allows access to all sessions and makes them eligible for a reduced rate at the conference hotel. Presenters are also asked to pay a small conference fee to ANS to cover expenses for items not provided by LSA. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the presenter.

Authors of accepted papers must be present to read their own papers. In the absence of the author, the paper will not be read by another person.

For further information about LSA, go to their website: [www.lsadc.org](http://www.lsadc.org). For information about ANS, go to [www.wtsn.bringhamton.edu/ANS/](http://www.wtsn.bringhamton.edu/ANS/). The ANS website will have further conference details, including fees, by late spring or early summer.

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## Anaheim, California, January 2007

The 2007 Annual Meeting of ANS took place at the Hilton Anaheim, just a block away from Disneyland. The Executive Council meeting was on January 4, and the general meeting was on January 6, followed by the Presidential Address, "From Shelby to Cohen: 70 Years of Popular Culture Influence on American Given Names," given by Cleveland Kent Evans.

Priscilla Ord, assisted by Sandra K. Wright, organized the program, which included nearly thirty papers on all aspects of onomastics. Since some of the presentations were made by more than one person, there were over fifty participants, eight of whom were from countries outside of North America. Of special note were papers presented by ten students, mostly from Brigham Young University, advised by Dave Gardner and Bruce Brown.

A highlight of the conference was the voting and announcement of the Name of the Year. It was "Pluto," in recognition of the recent demotion of that heavenly body from planet status. The announcement was made in conjunction with the American Dialect Society's "Word of the Year" contest. Quite independently, they chose the passive verb "to be plutoed," meaning to lose one's status, as the word of the year. After that, many of the ANS attendees went to the Tangerine Patio and Grill for the annual banquet. No word on who went to Disneyland.

The Executive Council made several important decisions at its meeting, including opening negotiations with Maney Publishing, a British-based company; establishing a contest for student papers; and distributing names and addresses of ANS members to the member-

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The Bulletin is also available on the ANS website: <http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/>.

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ship. Maney Publishing handles a number of journals, providing editorial, printing, promotional, and financial management services. Ken Tucker, Michael McGoff, and Tom Gasque were appointed to start the negotiations, which at this writing are well underway.

The Executive Council voted to establish a contest to recognize the best onomastics paper presented at a conference by a graduate or undergraduate student. The prize has not yet been determined but may be cash, publication, free membership, or a combination of these.

As announced in last fall's *Bulletin*, ANS plans to include names and addresses of members in the *Bulletin* unless a member opts out. The opportunity to make that decision was delayed for this year but will appear on the renewal notices for 2008. The spring number of the *Bulletin* will list members. Also, the *Bulletin* will continue in printed form for the immediate future.

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## Calls for Papers

The editor of *Names* has announced three special issues for 2007 and early 2008.

### Women's Onomastics

Christine DeVinne and Dorothy Dodge Robbins are guest editors of a special issue focusing on women's names or naming practices in any field of onomastics. Potential proposers are invited to contact either editor to discuss topics or ideas. Submissions via e-mail with attachment or via USPS are due April 15, 2007. The issue is scheduled for September 2007.

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### Festschrift in Honor of Edwin D. Lawson

A special issue honoring Edwin D. Lawson, former president of ANS and a prolific scholar in onomastics, is scheduled for December 2007. The guest editor is Edward Callary. Topics may include but are not limited to Regular Articles on any Aspect of Onomastics; Onomastic Theory or Practice; Onomastic Polemics; Reminiscences of Ed Lawson; Serious or Humorous Articles Relating to Ed Lawson as a Person, as a Teacher, or as an Onomast. Questions, concerns, or an intention to submit with a brief description of the paper should be sent to the guest editor by April 30, 2007. Finished manuscripts will be due early in the fall, the exact dead-

line to be communicated to respondents shortly after April 30.

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### **Ethnicity and Naming**

ANS co-presidents Don and Alleen Nilsen have announced a special issue devoted to Ethnicity and Naming. They are defining ethnicity broadly to refer not only to national and racial origins but also to people tied together by languages, beliefs, and/or other commonalities. They are also defining names broadly in hopes of encouraging scholars to examine ethnic influences on Literary Names, Eponyms, Personal and Family Names, Group Names (including insulting exonyms), Commercial Names, and Placenames (including those honoring or insulting individuals). The Nilsens were inspired to propose this special issue by the number of excellent papers at the 2007 ANS Conference in Anaheim, California. Send one paper copy **and** one electronic copy before May 1, 2007. They expect to make acceptance decisions and to ask for revisions by the end of July 2007. Lengths may vary from seven to fifteen double-spaced pages, though short fillers will also be considered.

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### **Conferences**

In addition to the annual ANS conference in January 2008, there are several conferences of interest to members of the American Name Society.

#### **Forty-sixth Annual Names Conference**

The Annual Names Institute, founded by Wallace McMullen, will meet for the 46<sup>th</sup> consecutive year on Saturday, May 5, 2007, 9:30–4:30, in the Conference Room, VC6-210, at Baruch College of the City University of New York. Papers on any aspect of Onomastics are welcome. Abstracts are due April 15, 2007.

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### **Geographic Names Conference (COGNA)**

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) will hold its annual conference at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Lexington, Kentucky, on October 2–8, 2007.

COGNA comprises names authorities from the federal government and state agencies, and the conference is open to these people, to academics who study place-names, and to anyone who is interested in the names of places.

Topics under consideration are an update on what is happening at the National Geospatial Program reorganization and Kentucky's Phase II progress. Workshops and discussions on how GIS agencies use geographic names and the GNIS are important topics being developed. The Saturday Toponymic tour will provide glimpses at some of Kentucky's colorful names with a stop at the Kentucky History Center.

Anyone interested in attending the conference or in participating in the program, including making presentations that would appeal to the national character of the COGNA audience, should contact Wayne Furr, Executive Secretary, COGNA, 3400 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Norman, OK 73026-7809, or [twfurr@cogna50usa.org](mailto:twfurr@cogna50usa.org). For more information, look at the COGNA website: <http://cogna50usa.org/>.

In 2008 COGNA will meet in Oklahoma City, September 2–6; and in 2009, in Charleston, South Carolina, September 8–12

### **Proper Names in Spoken Language**

The Institute for French Studies at the University of Basel in Switzerland is sponsoring an international conference on how proper names are used in speech. The conference, *Nomina 2007*, will be in Basel November 22–23, 2007.

The organizers hope to fill a void in the knowledge about the way that proper names function in social interactions. The conference will explore various points of view which allow a linguistic characterization of proper names in orality.

Contact the organizers for more information: Dr. Nicolas Pepin, Stapfelberg 7/9, CH-4051 Basle, Switzerland, or [Nicolas.Pepin@unibas.ch](mailto:Nicolas.Pepin@unibas.ch).

### **ICOS XXIII**

The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) will hold its twenty-third triennial congress at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 17–23, 2008. Sheila Embleton ([embleton@yorku.ca](mailto:embleton@yorku.ca)), congress organizer, has set up a congress website,

([www.yorku.ca/vapweb/ICOS2008/](http://www.yorku.ca/vapweb/ICOS2008/)), where interested members can find preliminary information.

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## Conferences, continued

While the deadline has passed to submit proposals for the following conferences, there is still time to consider attending.

### Canadian Society for the Study of Names (CSSN)

Our sister society in Canada will meet May 26–27, 2007, in conjunction with the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (formerly “The Learned”), at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. For more information, consult the CSSN website at [http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/info/cssn\\_e.php](http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/info/cssn_e.php). In 2008 the meeting of CSSN will be in conjunction with the meeting of the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (see ICOS XXII above), in Toronto, August 17–23.

### Trends in Toponymy (Victoria, Australia)

“Trends in Toponymy: Indigenous Identity and Theoretical Developments in Placenames Research,” a conference bringing together researchers from linguistics, toponymy, history, geography, planning, surveying, and indigenous studies, will be held at the University of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, November 26–30, 2007. See the website at [http://www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/business/resources/placenames\\_conf.pdf](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/business/resources/placenames_conf.pdf) or contact Ms. Leona Pike at [l.pike@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:l.pike@ballarat.edu.au).

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## Book Notice

An important new book has just been released by Mouton de Gruyter in Berlin. Willy Van Langendonck, a longtime member of ANS, is the author, in English, of *Theory and Typology of Proper Names*. Van Langendonck, of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, offers a new synthesis of the functions of proper names from a semantic, pragmatic, and syntactic perspective. It is the first linguistic book in English since 1973 to take on name theory, according to the publisher, and takes into account linguistic, philosophical, neurolinguistic, sociolinguistic, and dialect geographical aspects of proper names.

Anyone interested in learning more may contact the publisher at [kundenservice@degruyter.com](mailto:kundenservice@degruyter.com).

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## In Memoriam

We have received word of the death of Professor Marvin D. Carmony, of Indiana State University in Terre Haute. Dr. Carmony received a Ph.D. from Indiana University and taught English and linguistics at Indiana State beginning in 1959 and was Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences from 1970 to 1988, when he retired. He was active in the American Dialect Society, serving as its president, 1980–82, and was a long-time member of the American Name Society. He served on the editorial board of *Names*, 1977–84. Among his publications are *Indiana Dialects in their Historical Settings* (1972) and *Indiana Place Names* (1975, co-authored with Ronald L. Baker). Dr. Carmony died December 27, 2006, at the age of 83.

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**Report: Feature Class or Designator Terms Used by the Kentucky Place Names Survey, by Robert M. Rennick**

Editor’s Note: From time to time in the past, the *ANS Bulletin* has published short articles or notes on a variety of onomastic subjects. When there is space, I will attempt to include notes of general interest or of interest to groups within ANS.

Robert M. Rennick, chairman of the Kentucky Board on Geographic Names (KBGN) and organizer of the 2007 COGNA conference (see above), is working on the Phase II effort to collect names in his state for inclusion in the database maintained by the Geographic Names Information System (Reston, Va.)

Mr. Rennick sent me a list of terms in use in Kentucky and requested that it be published to encourage discussion of the terms in use by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Mr. Rennick does not

ask that all states adopt these categories but encourages those involved in toponymy to consider expanding the ways we look at how the landscape is described and named.

GNIS, for example, has one term for places of human habitation: “populated places.” The KBGN believes that is too limited and has expanded the term to take in a variety of other kinds of places, some of them perhaps unique to Kentucky.

Send comments to Robert M. Rennick, 586 Riverside Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-7744, or to me at [tgasque@usd.edu](mailto:tgasque@usd.edu).

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**A. Populated Places**

1. Incorporated Communities (cities) [with distinct boundaries]
2. Unincorporated communities (villages, towns) [with distinct boundaries]
3. Hamlets. Store-centered places, crossroads [population concentrations, may or may not have distinct boundaries.
4. Suburban or other residential developments

5. Historic settlements, pioneer stations, trading posts, etc.
6. Rural neighborhoods [with indistinct boundaries and no population concentrations]
7. Regions, areas, counties, magistrate districts, voting precincts (historic)

**B. Natural Terrain**

1. Ranges (“chain of hills,” e.g. Pine Mountain)
2. Ridges, spurs

3. Elevations (hills, knolls, knobs, mountains, peaks, mounds)
4. Bluffs or cliffs
5. Islands (land masses surrounded by water)
6. Islands (land masses surrounded by roads)
7. Passes or gaps
8. Breaks (usually elevations between watersheds)
9. Narrows (between bluffs or cliffs)
10. Pinnacles, pillars, chimneys, natural towers
11. Rocks (other than above)
12. Caves
13. Rockhouses
14. Natural bridges
15. Shoals, bars (land masses in stream beds)
16. Woods (Forests)
  - a. Public
  - b. Private
17. Licks (areas along stream beds where salt was/is licked)
18. Stream valley complexes (including bottoms, bends, reaches, stretches)
19. Gorges (excluding those that enclose waterways)
20. Points and capes
21. Meadows

**C. Waterways or streambeds (but not necessarily with active streams)**

1. Flowing streams (perennial)
2. Flowing streams (seasonal, intermittent)
3. Flowing streams (disappearing or sinking)
4. Gorges (enclosing current waterways)
5. River basins or sinks (natural depressions filled with water, though maybe seasonal)
6. Springs
7. Waterfalls, rapids, riffles, jumps Marshes
8. Bottomless holes (deep pits in the middle of any kind of stream)
9. Natural lakes
10. Natural ponds or small lakes
11. Lakes, ponds, reservoirs (manmade by stream impoundment)

**D. Miscellaneous Man-Made Features**

1. Schools (historic)
2. Schools (active, single building)
3. Schools and Colleges, institutes, etc. (multiple buildings)
4. Churches and missions

5. Post offices (historic)
6. Post offices (active)
7. Cemeteries, graveyards
8. Mills, factories
9. Mines
10. Quarries and clay pits
11. Furnaces, smelters, forges
12. Oil and gas fields
13. Wells (not oil or gas)
14. Railroad stations
15. Railroad stops
16. Railroad sidings
17. Stream crossings (not populated)
18. Canals and ditches
19. Dams (man-made)
20. Bridges
21. Tunnels
22. Airfields, landing strips
23. Roads (public)
24. Roads (private)
25. Trails, paths, pathways
26. Levees or banks
27. Hospitals, clinics
28. National Parks
29. State and state resort parks
30. County, local parks (public)
31. Private, commercial parks
32. Non-commercial and family-owned/operated parks
33. Camps (recreational)
34. Camps (special interest)
35. Recreational facilities (organized, including golf courses, ball fields and stadiums, tennis courts, etc.)
36. Wildlife refuges (or sanctuaries)
37. Farms and plantations
38. Battlefields
39. Military bases (current)
40. Military bases (historical, including encampments and bivouacs)
41. Hatcheries
42. Historic sites and monuments
43. Buildings (miscellaneous, including lodges)
44. Building complexes
45. Lookout or fire towers
46. Wharfs, landings
47. Ferries
48. Triangulation points, bench marks, etc.

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Note: How names may be classified has been a matter of interest for Wilbur Zelinsky for some time. See his article, "Slouching Toward a Theory of Names: A Tentative Taxonomic Fix," *Names* 50.4 (December 2002): 243–62. He and I are interested in organizing, for the 2008 ANS meeting in Chicago, a panel discussion on the topic of the classification of names, not just placenames but all kinds of names. Anyone interested in participating may contact either him: Prof. Wilbur Zelinsky, Dept. Of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Science, 302 Walker Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802-5011; or me: [tgasque@usd.edu](mailto:tgasque@usd.edu). —TG