The American Name Society (ANS), the oldest scholarly society devoted to the study of names in the United States, is now inviting proposals for papers for its next annual conference. The 2014 proceedings will be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) in Portland, Oregon. Papers in any area of onomastic research are welcome. Proposals should include a précis of up to 500 words as well as a 100-word abstract for publication in the LSA and ANS programs. The deadline for receipt of proposals is July 1, 2014.

However, presenters who may need additional time to secure international payments and travel visas to the United States are urged to submit their proposal as soon as possible. Please send proposals by e-mail attachment in a .doc or .docx format to Dr. I. M. Nick at mavi.yaz@web.de. For organizational purposes, please include “ANS Proposal” in the subject line. All proposals will be subject to blind review. Official notification of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before August 31, 2014. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of the ANS and register for both the ANS and the LSA. Please feel free to contact Dr. I. M. Nick at the above address if you should have any questions.

For information about the American Name Society see www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/
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FAQs for Contributors to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

Frank Nuessel, Editor of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, offers the following advice for questions frequently asked by scholars submitting work to the journal. Material in Q2-Q5 comes from a 2014 ANS Annual Meeting presentation by Sheri Spaine Long (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) and Frank Nuessel (University of Louisville).

**Q1.** How do I prepare a manuscript for submission to the Editor of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

**A1.** Submission guidelines can be found at the Maney website, [http://www.maneyonline.com/nam](http://www.maneyonline.com/nam). On the right side of the *Names* page, select “Instructions for Authors” for access to:

- Journal statement
- Submission instructions
- Preparing your article
  - Article titles
  - Abstracts, Keywords
  - Conditions of Submission
  - Spelling and references
  - Endnotes
  - References
  - Quotations
  - Spelling and dates
  - Punctuation
  - Acknowledgments
  - Submission of articles and reviews on disk
  - Tables
  - Supplementary Material
  - Illustrations
  - Using copyrighted material
  - Author images
  - Using images from Google
  - Using images and other content from the internet
  - Plagiarism and publishing ethics
  - Online color
  - After acceptance
    - ManeyTrack
    - Digital Object Identifier
    - Proofs
    - Eprints
    - Permissions

**A2.** Good papers contain the following characteristics:

- Thesis/hypothesis and study design that are novel, strong
- Methods that are validated and properly described
- Text that is clear, concise and non-repetitive
- Figures that stand alone (i.e. text unnecessary)
- Data that are properly presented
- Discussion that interprets, not repeats, data
- Discussion that is signposted
- Discussion that is balanced, not selective
- Conclusion that is accurate

**Q2.** What makes a good paper for *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

**A3.** Read the instructions to authors before starting to write. Be sure to conform to stated specifications:

- Length limits
- Style requirements
- Content restrictions
- Conflict of interest requirements
- Prior publication policies
- Topic scope

**Q3.** How do I know that *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* is the appropriate journal for reporting the results of my research?

**A4.** Be sure to edit your manuscript with care to avoid the following frequent errors:

- Spelling
- Subject-verb agreement (data is/are)
- Incomplete sentences
- Wordiness
- Precision in choice of words
- Passive vs. active voice

**Q4.** What are some common errors in submitting an article to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

**A5.** The following are the most frequent reasons submissions are rejected:

- Too small an advance in knowledge in the field
- New knowledge that is insignificant
- Lack of novelty: confirmatory only
- Design or execution flaws
- Poorly written
- Overstating
- Inappropriate topic for journal
Q6. What do I do if my submission to Names: A Journal of Onomastics is rejected or requires revision?

A6. Several recent submissions to the journal indicate that authors have not paid attention to the following requirement for submissions to NAMES. We ask that all authors read and comply with this prerequisite for submissions to the journal. Following these rules will facilitate the processing of submissions, and it will expedite editorial responses. This policy was decided at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Name Society January 2011 and published in the Editorial in NAMES 59:2 (2011), 65.

NAMES is dedicated to publishing a broad diversity of previously unpublished scholarly articles and book reviews in the field of onomastics. Authors from every corner of the world are therefore warmly encouraged to submit their work. Please be aware, however, that NAMES requires all submissions to adhere to US American English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and style. All manuscripts must be scrupulously edited before submission to ensure the highest standard of academic writing. Work with numerous factual, typographical, and/or grammatical errors will not be accepted for peer review. Before submission, it is therefore strongly recommended that all manuscripts be carefully edited for style, content, and grammar by an experienced proofreader who is a native-speaker of US American English. Any contractual arrangement, which the author(s) may enter into will, however, be exclusively the sole financial responsibility of the author(s). Please be aware that the use of professional proofreading services will in no way guarantee the acceptance of a submission by the review committee and journal editorial staff. However, the failure to appropriately edit a submission will automatically be considered sufficient grounds for immediate, unqualified rejection.

Q7. What are some resources to consult before I submit my article to Names: A Journal of Onomastics?

A7. Here are six links for resources for tips on writing articles.

- Writing Paragraphs: [http://www.ouottawa.ca/academic/arts/write
  en/hypergrammar/paragraph.html](http://www.ouottawa.ca/academic/arts/write
  en/hypergrammar/paragraph.html)
- Writing Paragraphs: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/606/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/606/01/)
- Writing an Academic Paper for Publication: [http://www.academia.edu/3030574/Writing_an_academic_paper_for_publication](http://www.academia.edu/3030574/Writing_an_academic_paper_for_publication)
- Additional Writing Resources: [http://scholar.google.de/scholar?q=simkhada+writing&btnG=&hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5](http://scholar.google.de/scholar?q=simkhada+writing&btnG=&hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5)

New Logo, New Look, for the ANS

The American Name Society’s new logo was designed by ANS Member-at-Large Lisa Radding, Ethnic Technologies, with input from other members of the 2014 ANS Executive Council. The new logo, displayed on our newsletter’s masthead for the first time, reflects the multicultural aspect of names research in our society and in the world. The word “names” appears in various languages within a circular red backdrop, while the letters ANS appear centered in the foreground in striking contrast. Intentionally, the new logo incorporates key elements of the design that appears on the cover of Names: A Journal of Onomastics, further connecting our society to our publication.

In Memoriam: Robert J. Westney

Lynn C. Hattendorf Westney, Associate Professor Emerita, the University of Illinois at Chicago, notified the ANS of the death of her husband, Robert (Bob) Westney. After 28 days in the Jesse Brown VA Hospital in Chicago, Bob succumbed to complications of stroke, diabetes, and atrial fibrillation on February 27, 2014.

Many members will remember Bob as a frequent attendee at ANS and CSSN conferences, though because of his health, Bob had not been able to attend for several years.

Lynn met Bob in 1976, but they did not become a couple until 1995. Married on August 3, 1997, Lynn and Bob spent their years together traveling. Destinations included Australia, Fiji, Switzerland, and Thailand. As Lynn recalls, “Bob had a wonderful life. He had so many interesting friends from all walks of life. Bob was the conduit, if you will, that kept a lot of us in touch over time.” Bob will be missed and remembered by his ANS friends.

Condolences may be sent to Lynn C. Westney at lynnhatt@UIC.EDU or to 904 East 20th Street, La Porte, IN 46350-6710.