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Work in Progress

This section is intended to keep readers informed of ongoing research. Please send details of current research projects to the Editor for inclusion.

General

- Coates, R. (University of Sussex): special volume of *Onoma* on the theory of names (2006).
Hough, C. (University of Glasgow): annual bibliographies for *Anglo-Saxon England*, *Journal of the English Place-Name Society*, *Nomina*.
Nicolaisen, W. F. H. (University of Aberdeen): articles for special volumes of *Onoma* on teaching and on names in literature.

Anthroponymy

- McClure, P. (University of Hull): 'The kinship of Jack, II, pet-forms of Middle English personal names with the suffixes *-cus* and *-cok*' (article for *Nomina*).
Postles, D. (University of Leicester): *The North through its Names* (English Surnames Series); the poetics of naming in Early Modern England; the politics of address and naming in Early Modern England.
Sellar, D. 'Scandinavian personal names in the Northern and Western Isles' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).

Toponymy

- Coates, R. (University of Sussex): *The Place-Names of Hampshire*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey).
Cole, A. (Oxford): place-name evidence for the communications network in Anglo-Saxon England.
Cox, B. (Nottingham): *The Place-Names of Leicestershire*, vol. 3 (English Place-Name Survey).
Cullen, P. (University of Nottingham): *The Place-Names of Kent*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey); *The Vocabulary of English Place-Names* (Institute for Name-Studies).
Fellows-Jensen, G. (University of Copenhagen): 'Extermination or

- economic exploitation?' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).
- Freeman, J. (London): *The Place-Names of Herefordshire*, vol. 1 *The Hundreds of Greytree and Radlow* (English Place-Name Survey).
- Gammeltoft, P. (University of Copenhagen): 'Islands great and small: a brief survey of the names of islands and skerries in Shetland' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).
- Gelling, M. (University of Birmingham): *The Place-Names of Shropshire*, vol. 5 (English Place-Name Survey); 'The Cookley and Wolverley charters' (article for *Journal of the Wolverley and Cookley Historical Society*).
- Grant, A. (University of Glasgow): 'The Ayrshire '-by' names' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).
- Higham, M. C. (Clitheroe): early church sites and settlement names in the north-west of England.
- Hough, C. (University of Glasgow): 'Chilton and other place-names from Old English *cild*' (article for *Journal of the English Place-Name Society*); 'Marlow (Buckinghamshire)' (article for *Notes and Queries*); 'Melksham (Wiltshire)' (article for *Notes and Queries*); Old English colour terms in place-names (paper given at *Progress in Colour Studies* conference, Glasgow, June 2004).
- Insley, J. (University of Heidelberg): *The Place-Names of Lancashire*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey).
- James, A. G. (Ashbourne): review of evidence for the Brittonic language in southern Scotland and northern England (intended outcome: book-length discussion and annotated lexicon of relevant place-name elements).
- Jenkyns, J. (Oxford): 'The Language of Landscape: Reading the Anglo-Saxon Countryside' (3-year AHRB-funded project to make accessible over the web an electronic corpus of Anglo-Saxon charter boundaries).
- Nicolaisen, W. F. H. (University of Aberdeen): *Concise Dictionary of Scottish Place-Names*.
- Owen, A. (Lincolnshire): 'Traiectus/Tric/Skegness: a Domesday name explained' (article for *Lincolnshire History and Archaeology*, with R. Coates).
- Owen, H. W. (University of Wales, Bangor): *Dictionary of the Place-Names of Wales* (AHRB-sponsored); database of the place-names of Wales (computerization of the Melville Richards Archive; AHRB-

- sponsored); *The Place-Names of West Flintshire*.
- Parsons, D. N. (University of Nottingham): *The Place-Names of Suffolk*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey); *The Vocabulary of English Place-Names* (Institute for Name-Studies).
- Sandred, K. I. (University of Uppsala): *The Place-Names of Norfolk*, vol. 4 (English Place-Name Survey).
- Taylor, S. (University of St Andrews): *The Place-Names of Fife*.
- Waugh, D. J. (University of Glasgow): 'Some place-names from Twatt On Da Wastside' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).
- Whaley, D. (University of Newcastle upon Tyne): *Place-Names of the Lake District* (dictionary for publication by the English Place-Name Society); 'The semantics of *stōng/stang*' (Proceedings of the Society's Shetland conference, April 2003).
- Wilkinson, J. G. (Torphin): *Cairnpapple: The Middle Sanctuary? A Quest Through the Sacred Landscapes of Our Islands* (2 vols, place-name based, inter-disciplinary study); continuing research on Romano-British and Brythonic place-names, particularly in northern Britain.

Doctoral Dissertations Completed

- Grant, A. (University of Glasgow): Scandinavian place-names in Northern Britain as evidence for linguistic contact and interaction (supervised by Dr C. Hough).
- Scott, M. (University of Glasgow): The Germanic toponymicon of Southern Scotland: place-name elements and their contribution to the lexicon and onomasticon (supervised by Dr C. Hough).