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Name changes in Academia

The product of academic research is tied to your name: published papers, preprints, presentations, thesis, databases such as MathSciNet... Your name can change during your life for many different reasons. Until a few years ago, this was not possible to change in published papers, becoming a significant barrier. While now possible in many journals and situations, finding information on how to do this, and figuring out whether it's possible in a given situation, remains a difficult and sometimes excruciating process. We'll discuss some practical information on how to do this in several situations, with the hope of making the information more widely available.