

American Oriental Society

CALL FOR PAPERS

Two Hundred and Eighteenth Meeting

The 218th Meeting of the AOS will be held Friday, March 14–Monday, March 17, 2008, in Chicago, IL.

Hotel and Reservations: A block of conference-rate accommodations has been reserved at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, One West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.

Conference rates per night for rooms are \$169 single or double, \$209 for the Executive Level. The hotel is located on the Chicago River, in the heart of the North Loop, within walking distance to the renewed Theater District and the famous “Magnificent Mile,” known for fine shopping and dining. The hotel boasts a 24-hour Business Center, Indoor Pool and an updated Fitness Center. Parking rate is \$28 during business day; \$40 overnight.

You must make reservations directly with the hotel well in advance of the meeting, no later than **February 20, 2008**. Rates are in effect for March 12–16, 2008. The hotel has agreed to offer conference rates up to 3 days after the meeting depending upon availability. As you make reservations, identify yourself as an AOS member to qualify for the conference rate. After the cutoff date, any uncommitted rooms in the block we have reserved will be released for general sale, and additional reservation requests will be accepted if rooms are available and without the conference discount.

Reservations: Direct phone: (312) 372-7200; Fax: (312) 372-0093; Toll-free Marriott reservation line 1-800-228-9290.

The Society’s contract with the Renaissance Chicago Hotel for securing conference rates requires that a minimum number of rooms per night be reserved and occupied by members for the duration of the meeting. Thus, your stay at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel assures that the AOS will not be assessed extremely high fees for meeting and banquet space rental. **We truly need your cooperation in this matter.**

Transportation: Chicago O’Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway Airport. There are several ground transportation options between the airports and downtown destinations. Detailed ground transportation information is also available at the airports’ websites:

<http://www.flychicago.com/Ohare/OhareHomepage.shtm>

<http://www.flychicago.com/midway/MidwayHomepage.shtm>

For driving directions, refer to the hotel’s website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chisr>.

All sessions will be held at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. The Annual Subscription Banquet will take place on Sunday evening, March 16, also at the hotel. The Program, which will be mailed to you in late January, 2008, will provide information on other special activities and events to take place during the meeting.

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Members of the Society are hereby invited to submit communications to be presented at the 218th Meeting. Please complete and return the enclosed **Announcement of Communication** form and an **Abstract** of the proposed paper to the Office of the Secretary **BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2007**. No paper will be considered unless (a) an Abstract of it is submitted according to the guidelines set forth in the next paragraph, (b) the completed Pre-registration Form and Fee and your 2008 Dues Payment accompany the submitted Announcement and Abstract.

Members who submit papers will be notified by mail of their inclusion on the Program soon after January 15, 2008. Sectional Committee Chairs, whose names are listed on the verso of the title page of the *Journal*, should be contacted directly only in the matter of organizing special panels. (Refer also to: <<http://www.umich.edu/~aos/frntmtr.htm#OFFICERS>>)

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should cover the following points: (a) the precise topic treated, (b) your exact contribution to the problem, (c) its relationship to previous scholarship on the topic, (d) specific conclusions. Abstracts should be typed or word-processor produced and submitted in duplicate. Please do not submit draft-quality printed abstracts, since these cannot be scanned efficiently for the production of the published Abstracts of the Meeting. Please also keep in mind that abstracts of papers accepted for presentation will appear in the published Abstracts in the way in which they have been submitted. It is impossible for this Office to edit them. Please transliterate non-Latin writing systems. Text submitted in non-Latin writing will be not appear in the printed abstracts.

Please note that the Program Committee will not accept papers for inclusion on the Program submitted by members whose 2008 dues have not been paid or who neglect to submit abstracts and registration forms in full with pre-registration fee by the October 15, 2007 deadline. We emphasize that you must pay your 2008 dues and submit your abstract and pre-registration form with fee by the October 15, 2007 deadline. Otherwise, your paper will not be considered acceptable for inclusion on the Program.

Papers from non-members, except for those of visiting scholars invited to participate in special panels, cannot be considered because of the expense the Society bears in running the Annual Meeting. When inviting colleagues and students who are not AOS members to participate in the program, please inform them that they should apply for membership at the time they submit abstracts.

Please respond to the Call for Papers only if you plan to attend the Meeting. Failure to present a paper that has been accepted on the Program creates a very poor impression of the Society and is particularly discourteous to those members who may have travelled great distances just to hear certain communications.

All materials must be submitted by October 15, 2007, to the Office of the Secretary, American Oriental Society, Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1205; telephone 734-647-4760.

Submission of Abstracts and Meeting Forms

1. We prefer that you submit Abstracts in electronic format by **E-MAIL**; however, you must also submit paper copies in duplicate of the abstract and announcement of communication via ordinary mail. (We need the paper copies of abstracts to restore formatting and other features, such as diacritics, in the printed abstracts distributed at the meeting. Please note: we very likely do not have the fonts that you use in your formatted abstract file; if you send an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, embed the fonts.) Send e-mail abstracts to: **jroddgers@umich.edu** with the subject line: **AOS Abstract**. Send the files either as plain text in the email message, or send formatted files as e-mail attachments. Please name the file as follows: YourlastnameFirstinitial.doc (or .pdf, .wpd, .txt, .rtf, etc.), e.g., SmithJ.doc.
2. You may also submit materials via **FAX** between the hours of 18:00 and 08:00 Eastern Time, from October 1 through October 15, 2007, to 734-763-6743. (If you prefer this means, we ask, nevertheless, that you also transmit the abstract, if possible, in electronic format by e-mail or in print by post.)
3. You may also submit all materials by ordinary post.

We thank you for your anticipated participation and cooperation.