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MEETING

Nashville

April 4<sup>th</sup>—7<sup>th</sup> 2003

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## Conference Information

**Meeting Site.** The 213<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society will be held in Nashville, TN, between April 4–7, 2003. Hotel rooms for participants have been blocked at the DoubleTree Hotel, 315 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville TN 37219-1693.

**Hotel reservations** should be booked by members directly with the hotel. When calling for reservations, please identify yourself as a member of the AOS. You must make reservations well in advance of the meeting, since room availability cannot be guaranteed after the **March 4, 2003 deadline**. After this 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. Room rates are \$139 Single/Double, Executive Level \$20 surcharge. Rates apply April 4–9. Dial Direct (615) 244-8200 or National 1-800-222-8733; <<http://www.doubletree.com>>

**Hotel Location:** The DoubleTree Hotel is located at 315 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville TN 37219-1693:

From Airport Directions: 10 Miles Nashville International. Take I-40 West toward Memphis. Exit at Charlotte Street. Go to the 3rd light and turn right onto Charlotte Avenue. Continue on Charlotte to 4th Avenue. Turn right and go one block. The hotel will be on the right.

Airport Public Transportation: Downtown Airport Express leaves every 30 minutes from 6am–11pm. Taxi available 24 hours a day.

Driving from Memphis: Take I-40 east to Nashville. Exit at the Charlotte Ave/Downtown exit. Take a left at the light, continue on Charlotte until you reach 4th Ave. and then turn right. The Doubletree is one block up on your right at 4th and Deaderick.

Driving from Chattanooga: Take I-24 west toward Nashville. Pick up I-40 west to Nashville. Take the Church St./Charlotte Ave. Exit. Go to the 3rd light and turn right. Continue on Charlotte until you reach 4th Ave. And then turn right. The Doubletree will be one block up on the right at 4th and Deaderick.

Driving from the north: Take I-65 south to I-24 east to downtown. Exit at the James Robertson Parkway–State Capitol exit. Go right at the light, then straight to the 2nd light, which is 3rd Ave. Turn left. Go one block to the next light and turn right onto Deaderick. The Doubletree will be one block up on the corner of 4th and Deaderick.

Driving from the south (Birmingham): Take I-65 north toward Nashville and pick up I-40 west to Memphis. Exit at the Church St.–Charlotte Ave exit. Go to the 3rd light and turn right. The Doubletree will be one block up on your right at 4th and Deaderick.

**Conference Meeting Rooms.** All sessions will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, with the exception of a luncheon and tour hosted by Vanderbilt University on Sunday afternoon, April 6. The Annual Subscription Banquet will take place on Sunday evening at the hotel. The location of meeting rooms will be displayed prominently by the hotel's events program boards and televisions.

**Registration:** Early registration is on Friday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The Registration Desks are in the Tennessee Ballroom (lobby level). As a reminder, their location will be prominently advertised on signs in the hotel lobby and by the televised events program in your room and throughout the hotel. Please take note that in order to make registration more efficient, there will be Two Registration Desks:

**1. Pre-Registered:** Members who have pre-registered by mail before March 15, 2003, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2003 dues should do so at this desk.

**2. Not Registered:** All those who wish to attend any of the meetings must register for the entire meeting. On-site registration forms are available at the “Not Registered Desk”. Members and non-members who have not pre-registered should register their attendance by completing On-site Registration forms and remitting appropriate fees at this desk. Non-members who wish to become members may also secure membership application forms, fill them out, and submit them with dues payment to become current members for 2003. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2003 dues may also do so here.

**Plenary Session.** The Plenary Session, entitled “Sickness and Healing”, will be held on Sunday morning, April 6, 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**Business Meeting.** A general Business Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, April 6, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend. The business meeting should adjourn shortly before noon.

**Reception:** An introductory reception will be held on Friday, April 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Cumberland Foyer. All registered members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

**Special Event:** On Sunday, April 6, all registered members and guests are invited to attend a special Buffet Luncheon beginning at noon graciously hosted by Provost Nicholas S. Zeppos, Vanderbilt University, and Gordon Gee, Chancellor, at the Nashville War Memorial, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. The War Memorial is a short walk from the DoubleTree Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> N.

Immediately following the luncheon, from 1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m., there will be a tour of the Downtown Presbyterian Church, 427 Church Street. Jim Hoobler will be our guide. The Downtown Presbyterian Church is a rare example of Egyptian Revival Architecture from 1851. (Sunday afternoon sectional meetings will begin after the the tour at 2:30 p.m.)

**The Annual Subscription Dinner** has been scheduled for Sunday evening, April 6, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Reservations and fees are automatically included in the pre-registration fee (except for students and guests, who have the option to purchase tickets separately). Admission is by ticket only which is included among registration materials. Additional tickets and tickets for students and guests can still be reserved until March 22 by sending \$25.00 to the AOS Office. A limited number of unsold tickets will be available for purchase for \$35 at Registration on Friday and Saturday only. The AOS will not accept returned tickets for refund from those who realize that they cannot attend the dinner. The Dinner will be preceded by a Social Hour with cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**The American Oriental Society Medal of Merit** will be presented to Erica Reiner in a ceremony as the dinner approaches its conclusion.

**The Presidential Address** will be delivered by Jerry Norman following the Annual Subscription Dinner. All members and guests are invited to attend the address.

**31<sup>th</sup> NACAL 2003.** A joint AOS-NACAL session (Ancient Near East I) has been scheduled for Friday afternoon, April 4. For further information concerning all the sessions of the 31<sup>th</sup> NACAL Meeting (Friday-Sunday, April 4–6), please contact: Grover Hudson, Wells Hall A625, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1027; email: [hudson@msu.edu](mailto:hudson@msu.edu).

Three **Yuen Ren Society** sessions are scheduled to convene as East Asia sectional meetings II–IV on Saturday morning and afternoon, April 5.

**Book Exhibit and Sale.** The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, April 4, and continue through Sunday afternoon, April 6, and Monday morning, April 7, when all books exhibited in the combined publishers' exhibit, which is overseen by the Scholar's Choice, will go on sale. Publishers' discount sales brochures will also be available with which one may order titles directly from publishers. Several publishers, who will oversee independent exhibits and discounted sales, will also be present at the meeting, including Brill Academic Press and Eisenbrauns. Those wishing to purchase at discount from these publishers should deal directly with them.

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# American Oriental Society

## PROGRAM OF THE 213<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

### —OUTLINE—

#### Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. JAOS Editorial Board Meeting  
*Volunteer Room*

#### Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. AOS Board of Directors Meeting *Volunteer Room*

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Tennessee Ballroom*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration *Tennessee Ballroom*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Tennessee Ballroom*

#### Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East I: AOS/NACAL: Linguistics  
(1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) *Victory Room*
- B. Ancient Near East II: Sumerian and Akkadian Literature.  
(1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Woodland Room*
- C. East Asia I: Han-Six Dynasties Poetry and Language  
(1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- D. Islamic Near East I: Law & Hadith  
(2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*
- E. South and Southeast Asia I: Life and Law &  
Science and History (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests  
*Cumberland Foyer*

#### Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Tennessee Ballroom*

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Tennessee Ballroom*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Breakfast for Graduate Students  
and Recent PhD's (Hosted by the AOS)  
*Volunteer Room*

### **Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings**

- A. Ancient Near East III: History I: The Bronze Age  
(9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Woodland Room*
- B. East Asia II: Yuen Ren Society: Linguistics in the  
Service of Literature (8:25 a.m.–10:10 a.m.)  
*Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- C. East Asia III: Yuen Ren Society: Historical Dialectology  
(10:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- D. Islamic Near East II: Hard Facts: Cross-Disciplinary  
Perspectives on Scientific Inquiry in Medieval Islam  
(9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*
- E. South and Southeast Asia II: The *Mahābhārata* I.  
(9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

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Blackwell's Companion to the Ancient Near East  
(1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Woodland Room*
- B. East Asia IV: Yuen Ren Society: Descriptive Dialectology  
(2:00 p.m.–2:35 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- C. Inner Asia (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Victory Room*
- D. Islamic Near East III: Religion (2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)  
*Jefferson Room*
- E. Islamic Near East IV: History (5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.)  
*Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- F. South and Southeast Asia III: *The Mahābhārata*  
II & Language and Literature  
(2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

### **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Tennessee Ballroom*

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Tennessee Ballroom*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Sickness and Healing  
*Woodland Room*

11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Annual Business Meeting *Woodland Room*

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon for all Registered Members  
and Guests *Nashville War Memorial: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N*

1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Tour: Downtown Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings**

- A. Ancient Near East V: Culture, Cultural Perspectives, Archaeology, and Cartography (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Woodland Room*
- B. Ancient Near East VI: Language and Culture: Egypt, Hatti, the Levant (2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Victory Room*
- C. East Asia V: Tang Poetry (2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- D. East Asia VI: Metamorphic Religion in Shang and Chu China (4:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- E. Islamic Near East V: Religion/History (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*
- F. South and Southeast Asia IV: Avesta and Veda (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

- 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Book Sale *Tennessee Ballroom*
- 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) *Cumberland Foyer*
  
- 8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner
- 9:00 p.m. Presentation of the AOS Medal of Merit to Erica Reiner
- 9:15 p.m. Presidential Address *Woodland Room*

### **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues *Tennessee Ballroom*

### **Monday Morning Sectional Meetings**

- A. Ancient Near East VII: History II: Post-Iron Age History and Literature (9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.) *Woodland Room*
- B. East Asia VII: Religion and Ritual (9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
- C. Islamic Near East VI: Literature (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*
- D. South and Southeast Asia V: Religion and Philosophy (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

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1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit. *Tennessee Ballroom*

### Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

#### A. Ancient Near East I: AOS/NACAL: Linguistics.

ALAN S. KAYE, California State University, Fullerton, Chair (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) *Victory Room*

1. HERRMANN JUNGRAITHMAYR, Frankfurt University  
Pronominal Gender Distinction in Southwestern Afroasiatic/Hamitosemitic (Chadic)
2. FUMI KARAHASHI, University of Pennsylvania  
Typology of Sumerian Compound Verbs
3. ALAN S. KAYE, California State University, Fullerton  
A Text in Najdi Arabic from Jabal Tuweiq  
*(Break)*
4. DAVID TESTEN, Saint Paul, Minnesota  
A Masculine Derivational Formant in Early Semitic?
5. CHRISTOPHER WOODS, University of Chicago  
The Element -re and the Organization of Erim-huš

*Friday Afternoon*

**B. Ancient Near East II: Sumerian and Akkadian Literature.** JERROLD S. COOPER, The Johns Hopkins University, Chair (1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)  
*Woodland Room*

6. A.J. FERRARA, University Museum, University of Pennsylvania  
Bending Gender in Babylon: Inanna, *Femme Fatale*, the Maelstrom, and Myth Noir
7. CALE JOHNSON, University of California, Los Angeles  
Sound/Image: The Multimodal Poetic Structure of Bird and Fish 102–117
8. ALAN LENZI, Brandeis University  
*šiptu ul yattun* and Legitimation: Reflections on a Closing Formula in Akkadian incantations  
  
(Break)
9. TZVI ABUSCH, Brandeis University  
The Promise to Praise God in Šuilla Prayers
10. JACOB LAUINGER, University of Chicago  
Anzû at Alalakh
11. BENJAMIN STUDEVENT-HICKMAN, Harvard University  
Language, Speech, and the Death of Anzu

**C. East Asia I: Han-Six Dynasties Poetry and Language.** PAUL W. KROLL, University of Colorado, Chair (1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

12. J. MICHAEL FARMER, Brigham Young University  
“A Person of the State Composed a Poem”: Protest Poems in the *Records of the States South of Mt. Hua*
13. THOMAS LAVALLEE, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville  
Wildly Chanting in the Suburbs: Representation of Pleasure in the Poetry of the Orchid Pavilion Gathering
14. SUJANE WU, Swarthmore College  
Did Lu Yun (262–303) Really Shed Tears for Others?—A Comparative reading of his “Four Poems of Presentation and Reply on Behalf of Gu Yanxian and His Wife”

(Break)

*Friday Afternoon*

15. MEOW HUI GOH, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
The Quest for “Harmony”—One Aspect in the Invention of Tonal Prosody in 5<sup>th</sup> Century China
16. SUH-JEN YANG, University of Washington  
The Poetic Features of Inscription Writings in the Six Dynasties
17. DAVID PRAGER BRANNER, University of Maryland  
Crypto-phonograms in Chinese and the Ideography Debate

**D. Islamic Near East I: Law & Hadith.** EVERETT K. ROWSON, Chair, University of Pennsylvania (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*

18. AHMAD ATIF AHMAD, Harvard University  
The Interrelatedness of Law and Legal Theory in Islam: A Study of the Genre of *Takhrīj al-Furūḥ ‘alā ḥal-Uṣūl*
19. EVERETT K. ROWSON, University of Pennsylvania  
Beyond the Letter of the Law: Islamic Monographic Literature on Sodomy
20. JOSEPH E. LOWRY, University of Pennsylvania  
Ibn Qutayba: An Early Witness to al-Shāfi‘ī’s Legal Doctrines

(Break)

21. SUSAN SPECTORSKY, Queens College, CUNY  
Secret Marriage in Early *Fiqh* Texts
22. CHRISTOPHER MELCHERT, Oriental Institute, Oxford  
The *Musnad* of Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal

**E. South and Southeast Asia I.** PATRICK OLIVELLE, University of Texas at Austin, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

**Life and Law**

23. STEVEN E. LINDQUIST, University of Texas at Austin  
Gender at Janaka’s Court: Women in the *Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad* Reconsidered
24. NIGHT QUEEN PANKAJ, Banaras Hindu University  
The Status of Women as Gleaned from the *Arthasāstra* of Kauṭilya
25. OSKAR VON HINÜBER, Universität Freiburg  
Royal Gender Studies: Queens and other Ladies from Ancient Gilgit
26. LUDO ROCHER, University of Pennsylvania  
Commentators at Work: Systematizing the *Dharmaśātra* Texts

(Break)

*Friday Afternoon–Saturday Morning*

27. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Michigan  
Convention, Legislation, and Dharma in Medieval Hindu Law: A Study  
of *Samvidvyatikrama*

**Science and History**

28. CHRISTOPHER Z. MINKOWSKI, Cornell University  
Sūryadāsa's Investigation of the Views of Foreigners
29. CLEMENCY WILLIAMS, Brown University  
A Glimpse into the Transmission of Astronomical Ideas from Mesopotamia  
through Greece into India: Brahmagupta's *Khaiṇḍakhādya* and the  
'Valana'
30. ROSANE ROCHER, University of Pennsylvania  
Sir William Jones in 1785: Unpublished Documents from the Althorp  
Archives

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*Cumberland Foyer*

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**Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings**

**A. Ancient Near East III: History I: The Bronze Age.** MATTHEW W.  
STOLPER, University of Chicago, Chair (**9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**) *Woodland  
Room*

31. AMANDA PODANY, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
A Survey of Diplomatic Marriage in Mesopotamia Before the Late Bronze  
Age
32. STEVEN GARFINKLE, Western Washington University  
Mesopotamian Merchants in an Era of State Formation, 2112–1595
33. JENNIE MYERS, The Oriental Institute, University of Chicago  
The Importance of Sippar as a Religious and Cultural Center for the First  
Dynasty of Babylon
34. GARY BECKMAN, University of Michigan  
An Old Babylonian Archive from Western Iran

(*Break*)

*Saturday Morning*

35. DANIEL E. FLEMING, New York University  
The 14<sup>th</sup>-Century Emar Texts and the Archives of Ekalte
36. JOHN P. NIELSEN, University of Chicago  
The Arad-Sibitti Kudurru: Kin Groups and Land Alienation in Babylonia  
in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.
37. SARAH C. MELVILLE, Clarkson University  
Neo-Assyrian MÍ.É.GAL
38. DEBORAH CANTRELL, Vanderbilt University  
Chariots Bounding

**B. East Asia II: Yuen Ren Society: Linguistics in the Service of Literature.** W. SOUTH COBLIN, University of Iowa, Chair (8:25 a.m.–10:10 a.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

39. I. S. GUREVICH, Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg)  
On the Language of Pinghua (Song-Yuan Period)
40. LIU SHIZHEN  
Recent Discoveries in Six Dynasties Grammar
41. ZEV HANDEL, University of Washington  
Examples of Text Recitations in the Old Reading Tradition of Xingtian Township, Wuyishan County, Fujian

**C. East Asia III: Yuen Ren Society: Historical Dialectology.** DAVID PRAGER BRANNER, University of Maryland, Chair (10:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

42. GU QIAN, Nanjing University.  
The Loss of Voicing in Obstruents in Chinese Dialects in Historical Perspective
43. R. VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University  
Mapping Dialect Mixture in Tongjou and Lihshoei Counties—How Dialect Geography Reveals Language History
44. W. SOUTH COBLIN, University of Iowa  
Convergence Testing in Common Systems of the Yangtze Watershed

*Saturday Morning*

**D. Islamic Near East II: Hard Facts: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Scientific Inquiry in Medieval Islam.** DAGMAR RIEDEL, Indiana University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*

45. MICHAEL G. CARTER, Oslo University  
Aspects of Technical Terminology in the Medieval Arab Sciences
46. JON MCGINNIS, University of Pennsylvania  
The Interface of Physics and Biology in the Philosophy of Ibn Sīnā, or Why A Good Biologist Knows His Physics?
47. DAGMAR RIEDEL, Indiana University  
*Adab* and the Sciences: *Ordo Rerum* and *Ordo Atrium* in Two Pre-Mongol Encyclopedias  
  
(*Break*)
48. KEVIN VAN BLADEL, Yale University  
The Arabic ‘Dream of Ostanēs’
49. TONY STREET, Cambridge University  
Can Syllogistic be Islamic? The case of Rāzī and Kātībī
50. COELI FITZPATRICK, Grand Valley State University  
The ‘Six Non-Natural’ in Medieval Arabic Medicine

**E. South and Southeast Asia II: The *Mahābhārata* I.** STANLEY INSLER, Yale University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

51. MARY BROCKINGTON, University of Edinburgh  
The *Rāmāyaṇia*, the *Harivaṃśa*, and the *Mahābhārata*
52. ADITYA ADARKAR, Montclair State University  
Against the Excavative: A New Direction for *Mahābhārata* Interpretation?
53. JAMES L. FITZGERALD, University of Tennessee  
The Oldest *Triṣṭubhs* of the *Mahābhārata*: An Examination of the Claimed “Core” of the Epic
54. GARY TUBB, Columbia University  
Insiders and Outsiders in the *Mahābhārata*  
  
(*Break*)

*Saturday Morning-Afternoon*

55. ALF HILTEBEITEL, George Washington University  
Kṛṣṇa and Karṇa in the *Mahābhārata*
56. JOHN BROCKINGTON, University of Edinburgh  
Hanumān in the *Mahābhārata*
57. SALLY SUTHERLAND GOLDMAN, University of California at Berkeley  
Who's for Dinner: Cannibalistic Urges in the *Mahābhārata*

**1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings**

**A. Ancient Near East IV: Special Session: Blackwell's Companion to the Ancient Near East.** DANIEL C. SNELL, University of Oklahoma, Chair (1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Woodland Room*

58. DANIEL C. SNELL, University of Oklahoma  
The Invention of the Individual
59. DAVID WARBURTON, University of Aarhus  
Work

(*Break*)

60. PETER DANIELS, New York City  
The Decipherment of the Ancient Near East  
Commentators:  
MARK CHAVALAS, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse  
STEVEN GARFINKLE, Western Washington University

**B. East Asia IV: Yuen Ren Society: Descriptive Dialectology.** R. VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University, Chair (2:00 p.m.–2:35 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

61. KEITH DEDE, Lewis and Clark College.  
Comparatives in Qinghai Chinese

*Saturday Afternoon*

**C. Inner Asia.** RUTH I. MESERVE, Indiana University, Chair (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Victory Room*

62. MICHAEL R. DROMPP, Rhodes College  
Chinese Rhetoric and the Shaping of the Uighur Crisis (840–848)
63. RON SELA, Indiana University  
Rethinking Political Legitimation in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Central Asia  
*(Break)*
64. BARBARA KELLNER-HEINKELE, Freie Universität Berlin  
Tsarina and Khan: Russian-Kazakh Correspondences of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century
65. DENIS SINOR, Indiana University  
Let Us Praise Dead Sinologists!

**D. Islamic Near East III: Religion.** JOSEPH E. LOWRY, University of Pennsylvania, Chair (2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*

66. PAUL HECK, Princeton University  
The Particular as Universal: Epistemological Problems in the Buyid Period
67. GABRIEL SAID REYNOLDS, Yale University  
From A. Mingana to C. Luxenberg: Syriac Readings of the Qurʾān  
*(Break)*
68. DEVIN STEWART, Emory University  
Theoretical Prolegomena in the Islamic Sciences
69. SHAFIQUE N. VIRANI, Harvard University  
Neoplatonism, Homologues and the Ismaili Ecclesia: The Construction of an Esoteric Hierocosmos

**E. Islamic Near East IV: History.** PATRICIA CRONE, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Chair (5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

70. PIERRE A. MACKAY, University of Washington  
Lost Pages: Evliya Çelebi's Account of Agriboz/Negropont
71. RACHA EL OMARI, Yale University  
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72. PAUL WALKER, University of Chicago  
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73. REBECCA R. WILLIAMS, McGill University  
*Tafsīr* and *Tawrīkh*: A Comparative Analysis of the Works of al-Ṭabarī

**F. South and Southeast Asia III:** ROSANE ROCHER, University of Pennsylvania, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

***The Mahābhārata II***

74. ROBERT P. GOLDMAN, University of California at Berkeley  
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78. EDELTRAUD HARZER, University of Texas at Austin  
The Use of the First Person Imperative in the Hospitality Rites of the *Mahābhārata*
79. GREG BAILEY, La Trobe University  
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**Language and Literature**

80. VIDYUT AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia  
Debating Divinity: Strategies of Reconciliation in *Ānandarāmāyaṇa*
81. ASHOK AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia  
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**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Exhibit.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Sickness and Healing.** WADAD  
A. KADI, University of Chicago, Chair. *Woodland Room*

82. JOANN SCURLOCK, Elmhurst College

**Ancient Near East:** The Interplay of “Magic,” “Religion,” and “Science” in Ancient Mesopotamian Medicine

83. CONSTANCE A. COOK, Lehigh University

**East Asia:** The Body as Sacred Space in Ancient China

84. RUTH I. MESERVE, Indiana University

**Inner Asia:** A Mongolian Medicinal Plant List

85. LAWRENCE CONRAD, Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg

**Islamic Near East:** Paradigms of Healing in Middle Eastern Medicine

86. RAHUL PETER DAS, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

**South and Southeast Asia:** Notion of Health and Its Imbalance in Classical South Asian Medical Texts

**11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Annual Business Meeting.** (All members in attendance are encouraged to attend.) *Woodland Room*

**12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon for all Registered Members and Guests** (Hosted by Provost Nicholas S. Zeppos, Vanderbilt University, and Gordon Gee, Chancellor) *Nashville War Memorial: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N* (Short Walk from the DoubleTree Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> N)

**1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Tour: Downtown Presbyterian Church 427 Church Street–Jim Hoobler, Guide** (A Rare Example of Egyptian Revival Architecture from 1851)

*Sunday Afternoon*

**2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Book Exhibit.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings—Beginning at 2:30 p.m.**

**A. Ancient Near East V: Culture, Cultural Perspectives, Archæology, and Cartography.** MARTHA T. ROTH, University of Chicago, Chair (**2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.**) *Woodland Room*

87. ERICA REINER, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago  
The Four Winds
88. DAVID P. WRIGHT, Brandeis University  
The Influence of the Prologue and Epilogue of Hammurabi's Laws on the Covenant Code
89. THOMAS HENTRICH, Kyoto University (JSPS)  
Who was Gomer, the *ʿēšēt z' nûnîm* (Hos 1,2)?
90. WILLIAM W. HALLO, Yale University  
Babylonian Antiquaries
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91. MARILYN KELLY-BUCCELLATI, California State University, Los Angeles  
A Monumental Hurrian *âbi* at Urkesh
92. GIORGIO BUCCELLATI, University of California, Los Angeles  
The Royal Palace of Urkesh: Recent Excavations and a Browser Edition
93. OSCAR WHITE MUSCARELLA, Metropolitan Museum of Art  
The Date of the Early Phrygian Destruction Level at Gordion
94. MICHAEL H. PORTER, Casco Bay Assyriological Institute  
The Digital Map of the Ancient Near East: Status and Opportunities

**B. Ancient Near East VI: Language and Culture: Egypt, Hatti, the Levant.** LEO DEPUYDT, Brown University, Chair (**2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.**) *Victory Room*

95. MICHAEL G. HASEL, Southern Adventist University  
A Statistical Analysis of Foreign Name Determinatives in the "Battle of Kadesh" Accounts
96. JOSHUA T. KATZ, Princeton University and Institute for Advanced Study  
An Old Egyptian Visual Pun

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*Sunday Afternoon*

97. MARY R. BACHVAROVA, University of Nottingham  
What is Meki Doing in the Hurro-Hittite *Song of Release*? A Study of *wastul* (“Sin”) and Other Vocabulary Items
98. EVA VON DASSOW, University of Minnesota  
What the Canaanite Cuneiformists Wrote
- C. East Asia V: Tang Poetry.** ROBERT JOE CUTTER, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chair (2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
99. PAUL W. KROLL, University of Colorado  
Notes on Rhyme and Prosody in Some of Li Po’s Poems
100. DING XIANG WARNER, Cornell University  
The Two Voices of *Wangchuan ji*: Poetic Exchange between Wang Wei and Pei Di
101. ANNA M. SHIELDS, University of Arizona  
The Yuanhe Poetic Contexts for a Mid-Tang Anthology, *Poems for Imperial Perusal (Yulan shi)*
- D. East Asia VI: Metamorphic Religion in Shang and Chu China.** DING XIANG WARNER, Cornell University, Chair (4:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*
102. ELIZABETH CHILDS-JOHNSON, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, The National Gallery of Art  
Religious Metamorphism in Shang Art and Practice
103. CHE-MAO TS’AI, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica  
Predynastic Shang Heroes and Religious Metamorphism
104. GOPAL SUKHU, Queens College, CUNY  
Metamorphic Imagery and Prefiguration in Early Chinese Literature
105. MICHAEL PUETT, Harvard University  
Sacrifice and Transformation in Warring States and Han China  
JOHN MAJOR, New York, Discussant

*Sunday Afternoon*

**E. Islamic Near East V: Religion/History.** SIDNEY H. GRIFFITH, The Catholic University of America, Chair (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*

106. JACOB LASSNER, Northwestern University  
Once Again: The Sanctification of Jeruslaem in light of anti-*Faḍā'il al-Quds* texts
107. SANDRA TOENIES KEATING, Providence College  
Divine Attributes: The *Ṣifāt* of the Holy Trinity in the Writings of Abū Rā'īṭah al-Takrītī
108. SIDNEY H. GRIFFITH, The Catholic University of America  
The Monk and the Muslim Shaykh in Jerusalem: Early Christian Apologetics in Arabic
- (*Break*)
109. HAMAD M. BIN SERAY, United Arab Emirates University  
Christianity in the Arabian Gulf Region
110. IRINA TSYBINA, University of Toronto  
Arabic Hollow Verbs from another Perspective: Introduction of a Third Type of Glide

**F. South and Southeast Asia IV: Avesta and Veda** JAMES L. FITZGERALD, University of Tennessee, Chair (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

111. P. OKTOR SKJÆRVØ, Harvard University  
Avestan *vahma* and *Yasna* 34.2
112. HANNS-PETER SCHMIDT, University of California at Los Angeles  
Zarathustra's Eschatology
113. HANS HENRICH HOCK, University of Illinois  
Reflexivization in the *Ṛgveda* (and Beyond)
114. ARLO GRIFFITHS, University of Leiden  
Once Again on the Meaning of Vedic *árma*
- (*Break*)

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115. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California at Los Angeles  
Sanskrit Uśanā Kāvya, Iranian Kauui Usan, and Friends
116. SIGNE COHEN, University of Missouri  
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117. EDWIN FLOYD, University of Pittsburgh  
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118. DAVID B. GRAY, Rice University  
Creation Through Sacrifice: Buddhist Response to the *Puruṣasūkta* and  
the Transformation of Sacrificial Ideology

**3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Book Sale.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar)** *Cumberland Foyer*

**8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner.** *Woodland Room*

**Presentation of the American Oriental Society Medal of Merit to  
Erica Reiner**

**Presidential Address** (Near the Conclusion of the Dinner, at approximately  
9:15 p.m.)

- JERRY NORMAN, University of Washington  
The Manchus and their Language

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues.** *Tennessee Ballroom*

**Monday Morning Sectional Meetings**

**A. Ancient Near East VII: History II: Post-Iron Age History and Lit-  
erature.** MARIE-HENRIETTE GATES, Bilkent University, Chair (**9:00 a.m.–  
11:00 a.m.**) *Woodland Room*

119. M.W. WATERS, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
Cyrus and Cassandane: Dynamics of a Dynastic Marriage in the Early  
Persian Empire
120. JORUNN J. BUCKLEY, Bowdoin College  
Against the Consensus: Early Mandaean texts
121. JOSEPH L. DANIELS, II, University of Chicago  
Rain Requests: An Analysis of the Deities' Function in Agriculture and  
Irrigation in Pre-Islamic Southern Arabia

*Monday Morning*

**B. East Asia VII: Religion and Ritual.** J. MICHAEL FARMER, Brigham Young University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *Brentwood-Franklin Room*

122. TANYA STORCH, University of the Pacific  
The Past Explains the Present: Law and Religious Freedom in Medieval China
123. CORNELIUS J. KILEY, Villanova University  
*Mogari*, The Royal “Homage Funeral” of Ancient Japan

**C. Islamic Near East VI: Literature.** SHAWKAT TOORAWA, Cornell University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Jefferson Room*

124. JULIA BRAY, University of St Andrews  
In My Beginning: Ibn ‘Abd Rabbih and the Good Word
125. SHAWKAT TOORAWA, Cornell University  
Travel in the Medieval Islamic World: The Importance of Patronage, as Illustrated by ‘Abd al-Laṭīf al-Baghdādī (and others)
- (Break)
126. TAHERA QUTBUDDIN, University of Chicago  
Metaphor as Manifestation: Religious Symbolism in the Poetry of two Fatimid Ṭayyibī *Dā‘īs*.
127. MAJD AL-MALLAH, Grand Valley State University  
*Doing Things* with an Ode: Ibn Darrāj al-Qaṣṭalī’s First Panegyric to al-Mansūr

**D. South and Southeast Asia V: Religion and Philosophy.** JOEL P. BRERETON, University of Texas at Austin, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Shelby Room*

128. JOËL DUBOIS, Whitman College  
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129. ROBERT A. GOODDING, Austin, Texas  
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131. TIMOTHY LUBIN, Washington and Lee University  
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132. ROBERT A. YELLE, Southern Illinois University  
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133. PETER SCHARF, Brown University  
Interpreting Upaniṣads: *Samjñā*
134. PRIYAWAT KUANPOONPOL, Ramkamhaeng University  
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