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Conference Information

Meeting Site. The 213\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th} 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 Doubltree 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 Doubltree 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 Doubltree 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 Doubltree 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, 7th Ave. N. The War Memorial is a short walk from the DoubleTree Hotel on 4th 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.

31th 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 31th 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.

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.

Meeting Arrangements Organized by
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PROGRAM OF THE 213th ANNUAL MEETING

—OUTLINE—

Thursday, April 3rd

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

Volunteer Room

Friday, April 4th

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 5th

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

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**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*

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

**Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings**

A. Ancient Near East IV: Special Session: 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 6th**

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: 7th 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 7th

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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Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

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
    Anzu 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 5th 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 Tākhrij al-Furūʿ ʿalā al-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-Shāfiʿi’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 Ahmad 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 Brhadāraṇīyaka Upaniṣad Re-
   considered

24. NIGHT QUEEN PANKAJ, Banaras Hindu University
   The Status of Women as Gleaned from the Arthaśāstra 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 Dharmasātra Texts

   (Break)
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27. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Michigan
   Convention, Legislation, and Dharma in Medieval Hindu Law: A Study of \textit{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 \textit{Khainḍakhādyaka} and the ‘\textit{Valana}’

30. ROSANE ROCHER, University of Pennsylvania
   Sir William Jones in 1785: Unpublished Documents from the Althorp Archives

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests. \textit{Cumberland Foyer}

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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.) \textit{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

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Saturday Morning

35. Daniel E. Fleming, New York University
   The 14th-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 10th Century B.C.

37. Sarah C. Melville, Clarkson University
   Neo-Assyrian M˚E.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 Ostanes’

49. TONY STREET, Cambridge University
   Can Syllogistic be Islamic? The case of Rāzī and Kātibī

50. COELI FITZPATRICK, Grand Valley State University
   The ‘Six Non-Natural’ in Medieval Arabic Medicine

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

51. MARY BROCKINGTON, University of Edinburgh
   The *Rāmāyaṇa*, the *Harivamśa*, 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 *Tristubhs* of the *Mahābhārata*: An Examination of the Claimed “Core” of the Epic

54. GARY TUBB, Columbia University
   Insiders and Outsiders in the *Mahābhārata*
   (Break)

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55. ALF HILTEBEITEL, George Washington University
   Kṛṣṇa and Karna 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

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1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit. Tennessee Ballroom

Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

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58. DANIEL C. SNELL, University of Oklahoma
   The Invention of the Individual
59. DAVID WARBURTON, University of Aarhus
   Work
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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
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 18th-Century Central Asia

64. Barbara Kellner-Heinkele, Freie Universität Berlin
    Tsarina and Khan: Russian-Kazakh Correspondences of the 18th 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

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
    The First Generations of Aš’arīs: A Biographical Study

(Break)
Saturday Afternoon

72. Paul Walker, University of Chicago
    The Origin of the Druze

73. Rebecca R. Williams, McGill University
    *Tafsir* and *Tarikh*: A Comparative Analysis of the Works of al-Ṭabarî

**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
    *Plus ça change...*: Ethnic Cleansing vs. Regime Change as Political and Military Strategies in the *Mahābhārata* and the *Rāmāyaṇa*

75. Luis González-Reimann, University of California at Berkeley
    The *Viṣṇu Sahasranāma* in Historical Context

76. Irina Kuznetsova, University of Cambridge
    Philosophy of Action: *Dharma* and *Karmayoga*

77. Simon Brodbeck, University of Edinburgh
    Action Without Attachment in the *Mahābhārata*  
    *(Break)*

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
    *Śukacarita* in the *Śantipurvan*: Further Reflections on Hostility between Opponents of *Pravrtti* and *Nivrtti*.

**Language and Literature**

80. Vidyut Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
    Debating Divinity: Strategies of Reconciliation in *Ānandarāmāyaṇa*  

81. Ashok Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
    *Mahābhāṣya* 2.3.46 and *Parībhāṣendu-śekhara* 62-63
Sunday Morning–Afternoon

Sunday, April 6th

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: 7th Ave N (Short Walk from the DoubleTree Hotel on 4th 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, Archaeology, 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 ↵ešēt Žnānim (Hos 1,2)?

90. WILLIAM W. HALLO, Yale University
   Babylonian Antiquaries

   (Break)

91. MARILYN KELLY-BUCCELLATI, California State University, Los Angeles
   A Monumental Hurrian ūbi 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

   (Break)
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 Jerusalem in light of anti-Faḍā'il al-Quds texts

107. Sandra Toenies Keating, Providence College
   Divine Attributes: The Şifāt of the Holy Trinity in the Writings of Abū Rā’ītah al-Takritī

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 vaḥma 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 Rgveda (and Beyond)

114. Arlo Griffiths, University of Leiden
   Once Again on the Meaning of Vedic ārṇa
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Sunday Afternoon–Evening–Monday

115. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California at Los Angeles
    Sanskrit Uśanā Kāvya, Iranian Kauui Usan, and Friends

116. SIGNE COHEN, University of Missouri
    The Riddle of Ṛgveda 10.106.5–8: Jabberwocky Revisited

117. EDWIN FLOYD, University of Pittsburgh
    Śravaḥ in the Ṛgveda: Fame or Reputation?

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 7th

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. 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 Mandean 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

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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-Latīf al-Baghdādī (and others)

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126. Tahera Qutbuddin, University of Chicago
Metaphor as Manifestation: Religious Symbolism in the Poetry of two Fatimid Ṭayyibī Dāʾīs.

127. Majd Al-Mallah, Grand Valley State University
Doing Things with an Ode: Ibn Darrāj al-Qaṣṭalī’s First Panegyric to al-Manṣūr

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
Śaṅkara’s Bṛhadāraṇyakopaniṣad Bhāṣya in Light of Upāsana Practice

129. Robert A. Goodding, Austin, Texas
Puruṣaprayatna : Personal Effort after the Attainment of Knowledge according to Vidyāraṇya

130. Glenn Wallis, University of Georgia
The Ādikarma as ‘Primary Practice’

131. Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
‘Śaiva Upaniṣads’ as Upaniṣads and as Śaiva

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    Chanting the Cosmogony: Hindu Tantric Rituals for Making Mantras Effective

133. **Peter Scharf**, Brown University
    Interpreting Upaniṣads: Saṁjñā

134. **Priyawat Kuanpoonpol**, Ramkamhaeng University
    Buddhism and the Concept of Vyavahāra in Kashmir Śaivism

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