ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 meeting of the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society will take place at Stanford University October 30 to November 1 (Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday), 2014, hosted by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Stanford. All AOS members are cordially invited and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, to organize panels, and to present papers.* We recommend registering as early as you can. Please send the enclosed registration form, payment, and your abstract if giving a paper, by Monday, September 1, 2014.

*YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT A PAPER AT THE CONFERENCE. Membership information is available in all issues of the Journal of the American Oriental Society as well as at the American Oriental Society website: http://www.umich.edu/~aos. You will also find additional information on the new Western Branch website at: http://www.humanities.uci.edu/eastasian/aoswb/

Accepted papers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation, followed by approximately 10 minutes for discussion. There will be no designated “discussant” for any panel. The program will be mailed out at the end of September.

MEETING VENUE
The meeting will be held on the Stanford campus (at a place yet to be determined).

CONFERENCE RECEPTION AND BANQUET
A reception will be held on Thursday, October 30 at the conclusion of the afternoon session, with drinks and light snacks. The annual meeting banquet will take place Saturday evening, November 1. The traditional banquet address will be given by Professor Grace Fong of McGill University. A buffet will be served, and guests will make their choices at the restaurant.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Blocks of rooms have been reserved for conference participants for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at The Cardinal Hotel in downtown Palo Alto, 235 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301 (internet: www.cardinalhotel.com), phone (650) 323-5101.

The following discounted room options are available:

1. Shared bath room style rooms with 1 queen bed for $109 plus tax all nights (10 rooms available)
2. Standard rooms with private bath and 1 or 2 beds for $189 plus tax for Wed/Thurs, and $149 plus tax for Fri/Sat (26 rooms available)
3. Deluxe rooms with private bath and 1 king bed for $209 plus tax for Thursday, and $149 plus tax for Fri/Sat (4 rooms available)

To book your room at the conference rate, use this link: http://book.cardinalhotel.com/aos2014
You will be able to choose your room type and exact dates. Please note that rooms will be held only until September 15, 2014. After that the rooms will be released and the rates will increase.

The Cardinal Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Palo Alto and surrounded by numerous shops, restaurants, etc. On weekdays, participants can take Stanford’s Marguerite Shuttle from the nearby Palo Alto Caltrain Station to the campus. On Saturday the Marguerite does not run. We will have cars available in the morning for those who prefer to ride rather than make the 30 minute walk from the hotel to campus.

Lower cost hotel accommodations may be available elsewhere, but probably not in Palo Alto. Those who will have cars might search on-line for lower cost accommodations in Redwood City (to the north) or Mountain View (south). Parking on the Stanford campus on Friday will require the purchase of a visitor parking permit. No permit is necessary for Saturday parking.

**TRAVEL FROM AIRPORTS**

**From San Francisco International Airport.** The recommended method of transportation from San Francisco Airport to the Cardinal hotel is BART/Caltrain, which should take an hour or so. Upon your arrival in the airport, take the AirTrain to the Garage G/BART stop. Purchase a one-way BART ticket for $4.25. Take BART to the Millbrae Station. (Before 8 pm on weekdays, BART does not go directly to Millbrae. You must take BART to the San Bruno Station, then walk across the platform and take the next southbound BART train to Millbrae.) At Millbrae, you change from BART to Caltrain. Go up the stairway to cross the overpass, then down the stairway to Caltrain southbound (toward San Jose). Purchase a one-way ticket for $5.00. Trains to Palo Alto run every twenty minutes or so most of the day, but only once per hour after 8 p.m. Caltrain schedules are available on various smartphone apps, e.g. CaltrainMe. From the Palo Alto Caltrain Station, it is a ten minute walk to the Cardinal Hotel. Alternative means of transportation from San Francisco Airport are taxi (about $90 one-way) and SuperShuttle (advance reservation recommended, $26 one way).

**From San Jose International Airport.** The Airport Flyer shuttle will transport you for free from the airport to the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. Caltrain runs directly from the Santa Clara Station to the Palo Alto Station (see above).

**WEATHER**

October is usually a delightful time in Palo Alto, with clear skies and daytime highs in the 70s or low 80s, nighttime lows in the 50s or 60s. This can vary of course, so please check weather forecasts before departure.
WESTERN BRANCH, AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting, October 30 – November 1, 2014, Stanford University

Pre-Registration Form

Name:___________________________________________________

Institution:_____________________________________________________

E-mail_________________________________________________

Pre-Registration Fees:

• Regular (includes banquet) $90.00 ...........

• Students and Emeriti (includes banquet) $65.00........

• Banquet (guests only) $50.00........

• Total........

Form of Payment:
Check or money order payable to the American Oriental Society, Western Branch. If you live outside the US, please remit in US Dollars only, payable through a US bank or by International Money Order.

Technology Needs:
A digital projector will be available. Please indicate whether you have other technology needs (e.g., slide projector, internet access) __________________________

Pre-registration for those proposing papers:
Please return this form and an abstract (150-200 words) of your paper proposal by Monday, September 1, 2014, via regular mail and electronic file attachment (MS Word, please), to the postal and email addresses below. Payment (i.e., checks) must be sent via regular mail and should be sent at the same time as paper title and abstract.

Pre-Registration for non-presenters:
Please return this form with appropriate payment to the address below by Monday, September 1, 2014

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