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New Orleans, Louisiana

March 13–16, 2015
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Conference Information

Meeting Site: The 225th Meeting of the American Oriental Society will be held Friday, March 13–Monday, March 16, 2015, in New Orleans, Louisiana. A block of conference-rate accommodations has been reserved for participants at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans 70130, USA. Conference rates per night for rooms are $205 single or double.

Hotel reservations Toll-free general Hilton reservation line: 1-800-593-5447. You should request the AOS conference rate when making your reservation. Our hotel Group Code is “OSQ”. You may also reserve online at: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome&ea_newkeventID=11493332. At the drop-down menu “MAKE YOUR SELECTION”, select “ATTENDEE”.

You must make reservations directly with the hotel well in advance of the meeting, no later than February 12, 2015. 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. Please note there is an early departure fee of $75. However, room deposits will be returned if cancelled 72 hours prior to day of departure. Conference rates also apply 3 days in advance and after the meeting.

The Society’s contract with the Crowne Plaza New Orleans 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 Crowne Plaza New Orleans 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.
**Hotel Location:** The Crowne Plaza New Orleans is located in the French Quarter at Canal and Bourbon Streets.

**Transportation:** From Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY), 12 miles from the hotel, you may select from a variety of ground transportation options: [http://www.flymsy.com/pagedisplay.asp?p1=6016](http://www.flymsy.com/pagedisplay.asp?p1=6016). Driving: I-10 East Bound-Exit New Orleans CBD to St Charles/Carondelet Exit, left on to Carondelet to Canal Street. The hotel offers only Valet Parking which is available at the Canal Street entrance. The Valet Parking fee is $34.00 plus tax per night. The Amtrak station, 1001 Loyola Avenue, is located 3 miles west of the hotel.

**Conference Meeting Rooms:** All sectional meetings, Editors’ and Board meetings, and the Business meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans. Meeting and event rooms are located on the Mezzanine Level (Iberville, Bourbon, Royal, St. Louis, St. Ann) and Second Level (Astor and Grand Ballrooms).

**Registration:** Early registration is on Friday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The Registration Desk is in Astor Ballroom III on the Second Level. As a reminder, the 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 note that there will be Two Registration Desks:

1. **Pre-Registered:** Members who have pre-registered before March 1, 2015, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2015 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 2015. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2015 dues may also do so here.
Special Events:

**Reception:** An introductory reception hosted by the AOS will be held on Friday, March 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the *Grand Ballroom C*. All registered members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

**The Annual Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent Ph.D.’s,** hosted by the AOS, will be on Saturday, March 15, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m., in *Bourbon Room*.

**Joint Ancient Near East/South and Southeast Asia Meeting:** Friday afternoon, March 13.

**Plenary Session:** The Plenary Session, entitled “Age”, will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m., in *Astor Ballroom I*.

**Business Meeting:** A general Business Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, March 15, beginning at 5:15 p.m., in *Astor Ballroom I*. Members are encouraged to attend. The business meeting should adjourn by 6:00 p.m.

**The Annual Subscription Dinner** with associated events has been scheduled for Sunday evening, March 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., in *Grand Ballroom C*. Reservations and fees are automatically included in registration. Admission is by ticket only which is included among registration materials. Additional tickets and tickets for guests can still be reserved until March 1, 2015, by sending $50.00 to the AOS Office. A limited number of unsold tickets will be available for purchase for $50 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 in the same location with cash bar from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**The Presidential Address:** “How Tall Should a Buddha be?” will be delivered by Richard Salomon following the Annual Subscription Dinner, at approximately 9:00 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend the address.
**Book Exhibit and Sale.** The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, March 14, at 1:00, and continue daily during the meeting in *Astor Ballroom III* on the second level. Beginning on Sunday afternoon and continuing through Monday morning March 16, all books exhibited will go on sale. Publishers’ discount sales brochures will also be available with which one may order titles directly from publishers. In addition to the combined publishers book exhibit sponsored by the Scholar’s Choice, several other publishers and vendors, among them Brill, CDL Press, De Gruyter, Eisenbrauns, ISD (Ian Stevens), and New York University Press will oversee independent exhibits and discounted sales. Those wishing to purchase at discount from these publishers should deal directly with them.

**Registration and Book Exhibit Hours**

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The Book Exhibit and Registration room will be closed and locked after 5:00 p.m. each day of the meeting. We request that all meeting participants exit the Book Exhibit and Registration room promptly by 5:00 p.m.

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**Meeting Arrangements Organized by**
Bill Sanford of Chatterton Meeting Planners, Hamden, Connecticut
PROGRAM OF THE 225TH ANNUAL MEETING

—OUTLINE—

Thursday, March 12th

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

Friday, March 13th

Friday Morning

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Program Section Chairs Meeting
Burgundy Room
9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. AOS Board of Directors Meeting
Burgundy Room

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration Astor Ballroom III

Friday Afternoon

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Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East I: Language & Linguistics
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Iberville Room
B. Islamic Near East I: Islamic Law
   (1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) Astor Ballroom II
C. Islamic Near East II: Textual Transmission
   (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Astor Ballroom II
D. Ancient Near East-South & Southeast Asia Joint Session
   (1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) Astor Ballroom I
E. South & Southeast Asia I: Jain and Buddhist Text and Practice
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) St. Louis Room
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6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.  Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests  Grand Ballroom C

Saturday, March 14th

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8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.  Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent PhD’s (Hosted by the AOS)  Bourbon Room
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A. Ancient Near East II: Special Session: How to Build a Long-Term Text in the Ancient Near East (9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)  Astor Ballroom I
B. East Asia I: Phonology (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.)  St. Ann Room
C. East Asia II: Narrative (10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)  St. Ann Room
D. Islamic Near East III: Manuscripts and Material Culture (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.)  Astor Ballroom II
E. South and Southeast Asia II: Dharma: Household, Polity, and Person (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)  St. Louis Room

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B. Ancient Near East IV: Human and Divine Rulers (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)  Astor Ballroom I
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C. East Asia III: Reception and Construction of Writers  
   (1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.) *St. Ann Room*
D. East Asia IV: Poetic Form and Imagery  
   (3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *St. Ann Room*
E. Islamic Near East IV: Philosophy  
   (2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Astor Ballroom II*
F. South and Southeast Asia III:  
   Viṣṇava and Śaivist Text and Tradition  
   (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) *St. Louis Room*
G. South and Southeast Asia IV: Philosophy and Story  
   (3:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *St. Louis Room*

Sunday, March 15th

Sunday Morning

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Morning Registration *Astor Ballroom III*
8:30 a.m.–12:00 a.m.  Book Exhibit *Astor Ballroom III*

Sunday Morning Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East V: Technologies of Divination  
   (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *Astor Ballroom I*
B. Ancient Near East VI: Literature and its Tools  
   (10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) *Astor Ballroom I*
C. East Asia V: History and Philosophy  
   (9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.) *St. Ann Room*
D. Islamic Near East V: Poetics  
   (9:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.) *Astor Ballroom II*
E. South and Southeast Asia V: Text, Language, and Linguistics (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *St. Louis Room*
F. South and Southeast Asia VI: Poetry, Geography, and Commentary (10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) *St. Louis Room*
**Sunday Afternoon**

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Book Exhibit and Sale  
*Astor Ballroom III*

**Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meeting**

A. South and Southeast Asia VII: Purāṇa  
(1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m.)  
*St. Louis Room*

2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Plenary Session: Age  
*Astor Ballroom I*

5:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Annual Business Meeting  
*Astor Ballroom I*

**Sunday Evening**

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
*Grand Gallery*

7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m.  
Annual Subscription Dinner and  
9:00 p.m.  
Presidential Address  
*Grand Ballroom C*

**Monday, March 16th**

**Monday Morning**

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

**Monday Morning Sectional Meetings**

A. Ancient Near East VII: History and Historiography  
(9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)  
*Astor Ballroom I*

B. Islamic Near East VI: Minority Religious Communities  
(9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.)  
*Astor Ballroom II*

C. South and Southeast Asia VIII: Ṛgveda and Ṭhārvaṇaveda  
(9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.)  
*St. Louis Room*
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Iberville Room

1. Adam Strich, Harvard University
   To Whom It May Concern: Semitic Dative/Allative Case Ending
   and its Berber Cognate

2. Øyvind Bjørn, University of Texas, Austin
   Loss of initial /n/ in Hebrew in its Northwest-Semitic Context

3. Charles C. Häberl, Rutgers University
   Arslan Taṣ Redux

4. Benjamin Kantor, University of Texas, Austin
   Where Does ?ayyê Come from? (Proclisis and Affix Pleonasm in
   the Biblical Hebrew Interrogatives ?e and ?ayyê)

(Break)

5. Aren Wilson-Wright, University of Texas, Austin
   A Reevaluation of the Semitic Direct Object Markers

6. Sigrid K. Kjær, University of Texas, Austin
   The Unique Case of Genitive Constructions in Sabaic

7. Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee, University of Chicago
   Performative Utterances in Semitic

8. Na’ama Pat-El and Aren Wilson-Wright, University of Texas,
   Austin
   Deir ‘Allā as a Canaanite Dialect
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B. Islamic Near East I: Islamic Law. Peri Bearman, Harvard Law School, Chair (1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) Astor Ballroom II

9. Nimrod Hurvitz, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
   Remembering the Master: Ahmad ibn Ḥanbal in the Eyes of his Disciples

10. Dale Correa, University of Texas, Austin
    The Legal Theory Avicenna Never Wrote: al-Dabûsî’s Taqwîm al-Adilla and the Avicennan Turn in Sunnî Theology
    (Break)

11. Felicitas Opwis, Georgetown University
    What’s in a Legal Commentary? Reflections of Changed Environments and Intellectual Dynamism in the Commentaries on Abû Shujâ‘î’s Ghâyat al-ikhtîsâr

12. Jawad Anwar Qureshi, University of Chicago
    The Exoteric Esotericist: Ibn al-‘Arabî’s Legal Theory and his al-Futuhât al-Makkiyya

C. Islamic Near East II: Textual Transmission. Everett Rowson, New York University, Chair (3:00–5:00 p.m.) Astor Ballroom II

13. Issam Eido, University of Chicago
    The Role of the Moral Probity of Transmitters and Shaping the Authoritative Islamic Texts

14. Kevin Blankinship, University of Chicago
    Absent Commentary and the “Qur’ân” of Syrian Poet Abûl-‘Alâ’ al-Mavarrî

15. Garret Davidson, University of Oregon
    Transmission-Based Forty Hadîth Collections

16. M. G. Carter, Sydney University
    The Namara Inscription, Line 4: a Reconsideration
D. Ancient Near East-South & Southeast Asia Joint Session, Organized and Chaired by Stephanie Jamison and Jesse Lundquist, University of California, Los Angeles. (1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) Astor Ballroom I

17. Benjamin W. Fortson IV, University of Michigan
   Reflections on Retroflexion across Word-Boundary in the Rigveda

18. H. Craig Melchert, (University of California, Los Angeles
   Formal and Semantic Aspects of Hittite $gul(aš)a$- ‘fate’

19. Na’ama Pat-El, University of Texas, Austin
   The Semitic Perfect and the Problem of Third-Person Zero Morpheme

20. Nicholas Sims-Williams, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
   A New Bactrian Inscription from the Time of Kanishka I

21. Elizabeth Tucker, University of Oxford
   A Textual Perspective on the ‘Ahuric and Daēvic Vocabularies’ of the Avesta

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22. Anthony Yates, University of California Los Angeles
   On the Prosody of Derived Verbs in Hittite

23. Michael Weiss, Cornell University
   East-West Archaisms 97 Years after Vendryes

24. Jared Klein, University of Georgia
   Rigvedic $u$: A Reassessment Forty Years Later

25. Petra Goedegebuure, University of Chicago
   The Rise of Split-Ergativity in Hittite

   Vedic $vápuṣ$-
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**E. South & Southeast Asia I: Jain and Buddhist Text and Practice.** JASON NEELIS, Wilfrid Laurier University, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) St. Louis Room

27. MARI JYVÄSIÄRVI STUART, University of South Carolina, Columbia

Áyurveda among the Jains: The Case of Mental Illness

28. DANIEL M. STUART, University of South Carolina, Columbia

Ethical Extremes: Jain Influence in a Middle Period Buddhist Text?

29. MATHEW D. MILLIGAN, The University of Texas at Austin

Buddhist Monks and Ancestral Mothers: Metronymics in Early Indian Epigraphy

30. RYAN RICHARD OVERTBEY, University of California, Berkeley

Entering the Vault of Buddhas: Preaching and Presence in the *Great Lamp of the Dharma Dhārani Scripture*

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31. JOHN R. B. CAMPBELL, University of Virginia

Comparative Study of Sanskrit Poetic (*alaṃkāraśāstra*) Terminology in Buddhist Tantric Exegesis

32. INGO STRAUCH, University of Lausanne

Early Vinaya Texts and the Identity of Buddhist Schools: *Karmaśācanā* Formulae from Ancient Gandhāra

33. STEFAN BAUMS, University of Munich

Peacock Arrows and Haughty Grass: Limits of Meaning in a Gāndhāri Buddhist Commentary

34. JASON NEELIS, Wilfrid Laurier University

The Prisoner of Puṇḍalāvatī in a Gāndhāri Avadāna

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35. C. Jay Crisostomo, University of California, Berkeley
   The Lexical and the Literary: Intertextuality and Composition in the Old Babylonian Curriculum
36. Paul-Alain Beaulieu, University of Toronto
   Babylonian Chronicles and the Stream of Tradition
37. John Wee, University of Chicago
   Straight from the Ummânu’s Mouth: Serialization, Classification, and Cuneiform Text Commentary
38. Hannah Marcuson, University of Chicago
   Ritual Transmission in Hittite Anatolia
39. Antonio J. Morales, Freie Universität Berlin
   Text-building and transmission of Pyramid Texts in the Third Millennium BCE: Iteration, Objectification, and Change

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40. FOY SCALF, University of Chicago
   From Beginning to End: Funerary Text Creation in Greco-Roman Egypt

41. AARON TUGENDHAFT, University of Chicago
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42. SETH SANDERS, Trinity College
   Joseph, Ahikar and Enoch: Towards a History of Hebrew and Aramaic Narrative Technique in the First Millennium BCE

43. RONNIE GOLDSTEIN, Hebrew University Jerusalem
   On Lies, Rumors and Rejected Traditions

B. East Asia I: Phonology. DAVID B. HONEY, Brigham Young University, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) St. Ann Room

44. NATHAN VEDAL, Harvard University
   Numerological Phonology: A Case Study in Ming Dynasty Scholarship

45. ALEX RATTÉ, The Ohio State University
   Numeral Reconstruction in Korean and Japanese [withdrawn]

46. RICHARD VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University
   Frontier Mandarin Varieties from the Ming and Qing

C. East Asia II: Narrative. RONALD C. EGAN, Stanford University, Chair (10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) St. Ann Room

47. NEWELL ANN VAN AUKEN, University of Iowa
   Cranes in Chariots, an Uneaten Liver, and the Relocation of the Ancient State of Wèi

48. ANTJE RICHTER, University of Colorado at Boulder
   Illness and Healing in Chinese Medieval Narratives

49. MICHELLE LOW, University of Northern Colorado
   Heaven Help Us: Baochou and Baoen in Chinese Nüxia Literature
D. Islamic Near East III: Manuscripts and Material Culture.

Jonathan Rodgers, University of Michigan, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) Astor Ballroom II

50. Asma Helali, Institute of Ismaili Studies
   Was the Ṣanā‘a’ Palimpsest a Work in Progress? Reconsideration of Old Qurʾān Manuscript Studies

51. Adam Bursi, Cornell University
   Medicine without Idolatry: Healing Words in Early Islam

52. Paul Walker, University of Chicago
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53. Bilal Orfali, Ohio State University
   Emending the Maqāmāt of Hamadhānī

54. D. Gershon Lewenthal, University of Oklahoma
   ‘The (Gem) Star-Spangled Banner yet Waves’: Iranian Priceless Treasures In Early Islamic History and Memory

E. South and Southeast Asia II: Dharma: Household, Polity, and Person.

Patrick Olivelle, The University of Texas at Austin, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) St. Louis Room

55. Matthew R. Sayers, Lebanon Valley College
   Pilgrimage to Feed the Dead: The Earliest Connections between śrāddha and tīrtha

56. Donald R. Davis, Jr., The University of Texas at Austin
   “Sonuva…”: A Tiny History of the Putra and Duhitṛ in Dharmaśāstra

57. Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
   Minimum Daily Requirements: Daily Duties as a Template for the Pious Householder

58. Stephanie Jamison, University of California Los Angeles
   Houses, Housewives, and Householders
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59. James L. Fitzgerald, Brown University
   Who put the dharma in the dharmaśāstra?

60. Mark McCLish, Birmingham-Southern College
   The Substance and Rhetoric of the Rājadharma in Three Traditions

61. David Brick, Yale University
   India’s Seven Deadly Sins: Interpreting Āpastamba’s Patanīyas in Light of Earlier Sources

62. Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara
   Why I Am So Clever, Why I Write Such Excellent Books, and What I Did to the Gods: Hemādri Reimagines Brahminical Normativity

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63. Tytus Mikolajczak, University of Chicago
   Newly Recovered Inscriptions from Persepolis in the OI Museum

64. Jacob Lauinger, The Johns Hopkins University
   A Stele of Sargon II at Tell Tayinat
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65. M. Willis Monroe, Brown University
   New Developments in Seleucid Astrology: A Re-analysis of the Micro-zodiac

66. Mark E. Cohen, University of Maryland
   Calendar Studies: Reexamining the Accepted Wisdom
B. Ancient Near East IV: Human and Divine Rulers. Ilona Zsolnay, University of Pennsylvania, Chair (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Astor Ballroom I

67. Richard E. Averbeck, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
   The Gods and the Creation of Humanity in KAR 4

68. Shana Zaia, Yale University
   How To (Not) Be King: On Negotiating the Limits of Power within the Assyrian Political Hierarchy
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69. Ryan Conrad Davis, University of Texas, Austin
   High God, Personal God, or Both? The Case of Balasi’s Prayer to Nabû

70. Gary Beckman, University of Michigan
   Hattusili between Gods and Men

C. East Asia III: Reception and Construction of Writers.
   Robert Joe Cutter, Arizona State University, Chair (1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.) St. Ann Room

71. Wang Ping, University of Washington, Seattle
   Where Did Xie Lingyun (385–433) Get His Style?

72. Chen Jue, Princeton University
   The Paradox of Politicized Poetry: The Northern Song Construction of Du Fu as a Confucian Poet

73. Yang Xiaoshan, University of Notre Dame
   Wang Anshi and the Idea of Late Writing

D. East Asia IV: Poetic Form and Imagery. Meow Hui Goh, Ohio State University, Chair (3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) St. Ann Room

74. Ding Xiang Warner, Cornell University
   What’s Form Got to Do with It? [withdrawn]

75. Wu Jie, Murray State University
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76. YANG YING, Huaiyin Normal University
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