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Conference Information

Meeting Site: The 233rd Meeting of the American Oriental Society will convene Friday, March 10–Monday, March 13, 2023, in Los Angeles, CA, USA. A block of conference-rate accommodations has been reserved at the [Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza](#), 251 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012 USA. Conference rate per night for rooms is \$232, Deluxe Guestrooms, and includes complementary WiFi.

Hotel Reservations: You must make reservations directly with the hotel well in advance of the meeting, no later than February 15, 2023. 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. The conference rate also applies 2 days prior and 2 days after the conference, based upon availability.

Reservations may be made by phoning the hotel 1-800-THE-OMNI (general Omni number), or (213) 617-3300 (Direct). You need to identify yourself as a member of the AOS. It is also possible to reserve by visiting our customized [Group Web Page](#).

Hotel Location: Sitting atop Bunker Hill, Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza features luxurious accommodations and modern conveniences to exceed the desires of today's business and leisure travelers. The hotel in downtown Los Angeles rises 17 stories and offers an outdoor heated lap pool, spa services, fitness center, two restaurants, and an exclusive Executive Club Floor and Lounge. Iconic L.A. staples like Grand Central Market, The Broad Museum, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall are just a few steps from our hotel.

Transportation: Directions, Parking, and Transportation:

Refer to: [Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza](#)

Conference Meeting Rooms: All sessions will be held at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza. The Annual Subscription Banquet and Presidential Address will take place on Sunday evening, March 12, also at the hotel. The Program, which is accessible online in late January 2023, will provide information on other special activities and events to take place during the meeting. Meeting rooms are located on the Second Floor.

Registration: Early registration is on Friday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. The Registration Desk is in the Watercourt Room on the Second Floor. Please note that there will be Two Registration Desks:

Pre-Registered: Members who have pre-registered online or by mail before March 1, 2023, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2023 membership dues should do so at this desk.

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 2023. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2023 membership dues may also do so here.

Special Events

- **Reception:** An introductory reception hosted by the AOS will be held on Friday, March 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Bunker Hill Foyer. 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: Saturday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m., in the Governor's Room on the Second Floor

- **2021 Presidential Address:** Peter Machinist, Harvard University, will present “Philology: Past, Present, Prospects”, on Saturday Afternoon, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m., in the Bunker Hill Room.

- **An Evening of Poetry in Translation** by the Members of American Oriental Society. All Are Welcome. Curated by Kevin Blankinship, Brigham Young University. All members are welcome to attend. Saturday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Bunker Hill Room. Refreshments served. Supported by a generous contribution from Brigham Young University, Middle Eastern Studies.

- **Plenary Session:** The Plenary Session, entitled “Climate, Geography, and the Natural Environment”: Sunday afternoon, March 12, 2:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m., in the Bunker Hill Room.

- **Business Meeting:** A general Business Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, March 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in Bunker Hill Room. 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 12, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., in the Bunker Hill Room. Reservations and fees are automatically included in registration. Admission is by ticket only which is included among registration materials. A limited number of additional unsold tickets for members and guests will be available for purchase for \$100

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 adjacent Bunker Hill Foyer with cash bar from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

- **The Presidential Address** will be delivered by James Fitzgerald, following the Annual Subscription Dinner.

Registration Book Exhibit and Sale Hours

The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, March 10, at 1:00, and continue daily during the meeting in Watercourt Room on the Second Floor. Beginning on Sunday afternoon and continuing through Monday morning March 13, all books exhibited will go on sale. Publishers' discount sales brochures will also be available with which one may order titles directly from publishers. Several publishers and vendors, among them, DeGruyter, ISD (Ian Stevens), Penn State University Press/Eisenbrauns, New York University Press (Library of Arabic Literature), will oversee exhibits and offer discounted sales. Those wishing to purchase at discount from these publishers and vendors should deal directly with them.

Registration Hours

Friday morning:	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Friday afternoon:	1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday morning:	8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Saturday afternoon:	1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sunday morning:	8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Book Exhibit Hours

Friday afternoon:	1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Monday morning:	9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

NOTE: The book exhibit hours will continue all day beginning at 8:30 a.m., when publisher and vendor representatives are present.

The Book Exhibit and Registration room will be closed and locked after 6:00 p.m. each day of the meeting. We request that all meeting participants exit the Book Exhibit and Registration room promptly by 6:00 p.m.

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American Oriental Society

PROGRAM OF THE 233RD MEETING

Thursday, March 9th

3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m. JAOS Editorial Board Meeting. *Board Room*

Friday, March 10th

Friday Morning

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Program Section Chairs Meeting. *Board Room*

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

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Watercourt Room*

Friday Afternoon

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration *Watercourt Room*

1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Watercourt Room*

Friday, March 10th

Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

Ancient Near East I: Literary Studies. GINA KONSTANTOPOULOS, The University of California Los Angeles Chair (1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

1. ANN GUINAN, The Babylonian Section of the Penn Museum
Turning Old Tricks for a Dirty Dog: An Interpretation of the World's First Bar Joke
2. NAOMI HARRIS, The University of Chicago
Literary Devices in the *Ten Year* and *Extensive Annals* of Muršili II
3. ELI TADMOR, Yale University
More than a Single Truth: Gilgamesh's Dreams of the Meteorite and the Axe

Ancient Near East II: From Anatolia to Ebla. STEVEN GARFINKLE, Western Washington University, Chair (3:45 p.m.—5:45 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

4. PETRA GOEDEGEBUURE, The University of Chicago,
The Luwian Word for 'city' and the *'a5-la-nu* 'Oaks' from Armi

Friday, March 10th

5. RYAN D. WINTERS, The University of Chicago

Putting Together the Pieces of the Puzzle: Work in Progress on the Map of Ebla's
International Relations in the Early Bronze Age

East Asia I: Early Philosophy and Discourse. MARTIN KERN, Princeton University, Chair (1:30 p.m.—
3:45 p.m.) *Museum A Room*

6. LUYAO LI, University of Chicago

Individualistic Harmony in the *Zhuangzi*

(Break)

7. DANIEL COYLE, Birmingham-Southern College

“Roaming Free in the Cage”: Overcoming Boundaries with *Quan* 權”

8. YUNXIN LI, Simmons University

Negotiating Family-State Boundaries: Reexamining the *Gong-si* Discourses in the Han

Friday, March 10th

East Asia II: Urban Culture. ANTJE RICHTER, University of Colorado, Boulder, Chair (4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.) *Museum A Room*

9. XIAOSHAN YANG, University of Notre Dame

Poetry Clubs and the Rise of the Plebian Poets in the Song Period

10. I-CHIN LIN, Arizona State University

Wine Shop and Pleasure: The Urban Space and Literary Writings towards the Northern Song Period

11. SHUO LIANG, Arizona State University

Reaching the Masses: Self-publishing *Exposition of Twenty-one Histories*

Islamic Near East I: Relations with the Religious “Other”. THOMAS BENFEY, University of Oxford, Chair (1:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

12. RUSHAIN ABBASI, Stanford University and ORIT MALKA, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“Bear Witness, For I Am with You among Those Who Bear Witness” (Q.3:81): The Concept of *Shahāda* in the Quran and Its Biblical Subtext

Friday, March 10th

13. KAYLA DANG, Saint Louis University

Zoroastrian Priests in Ninth- and Tenth-Century Shīʿī Sectarian Politics

14. JACOB HALEVI LASSNER, Northwestern University

Did Maimonides Describe Muhammad as “Madman”? An Arcane Note on Muslim Polemics and Jewish Apologetics

Islamic Near East II: Quranic Exegesis. RUSHAIN ABBASI, Stanford University Chair (3:30–5:30 p.m.)
Hershey/Crocker Room

15. SARA OMAR, Georgetown University

Liwāʾt and The Formation of a Qurʾānic Subtext

16. MOHAMED A. MOUSTAFA, University of Arizona

Practicing Taḥqīq in Persia: Quṭb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī's (d. 1311) Critical Engagement with al-Zamakhsharī's *Kashshāf*

17. ARJUN NAIR, University of Southern California

Approaching the Intellectual History of Akbarian Sufi Tafsir: The Case of Pharaoh's Faith

(Break)

Friday, March 10th

18. GIANNI IZZO, University of Arizona

Mystical Dispatches and Their Decoders: Tafsīr al-‘Askarī and Early Shī‘ī Imāmī Exegesis

19. SCOTT LUCAS, University of Arizona

Unveiling *al-Kashshāf*. Insights from the Islamic Manuscripts Collection of the Princeton University Library

South and Southeast Asia I: Grammar & Philosophy of Language.: DAVID BUCHTA, Brown University
Chair (1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

20. JAMES W. BENSON, JOHN J. LOWE, ADRIANA MOLINA-MUÑOZ & YIMING SHEN, University of Oxford

Kauṇḍabhaṭṭa on *samāsaśakti*

21. YIMING SHEN, University of Oxford

An Edition and Preliminary Study of the *Anvayakalikā*

22. ALEKSANDAR USKOKOV, Yale University

Word and Sentence Context: On *anvaya-vyatireka* and the three *lakṣaṇās* in Advaita Vedānta

Friday, March 10th

23. PATRICK T. CUMMINS, Cornell University

The Contested Referentiality of ‘the Mud-born Lotus’ (*parikaja*) and the Prābhākara-Naiyāyika Debate over Word-meaning

24. LUCREZIA CARNESALE, University of Pavia-Bergamo

The Semantic-Syntactic Interplay in Hindi: The Case of the Expression of Perceptions and Bodily Sensations

South and Southeast Asia II: Poetics. JONATHAN EDELMANN Chair (3:45 pm—5:45 pm.)

Bradbury/Rose Room

25. DAVID BUCHTA, Brown University

Unknown Like ॐ: Complications in Sanskrit “Alphabet” Stotras

26. OJASWINI SHEKHAWAT, Yale University

The Play of Universalities and Particularities: *arthāntaranyāsa* in Kālidāsa’s *Meghadūta*

27. YLER M. RICHARD, The University of Texas at Austin

Towards a Pathology of *kutūhala* in Sanskrit Literature

28. ADHEESH SATHAYE, University of British Columbia

Vernacular Sanskrit Poetics in Śivadāsa’s *Vetāla* Anthology

Friday, March 10th--Saturday March 11th

29. LUTHER OBROCK, University of California, Berkeley

Mercantile Poetics: Sanskrit Literature and Political Self-Presentation in the *Jagaḍūcarita*

Friday Evening

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. **Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests** *Bunker Hill Foyer*

Saturday, March 11th

Saturday Morning

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. **Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent Ph.D.'s (Hosted by the AOS)**
Governor's Room

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Watercourt Room*

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Watercourt Room*

Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings

Ancient Near East III: Linguistics — Orthography and Phonology. NA'AMA PAT-EL, The University of Texas, Austin, Chair (8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

30. CHARLES G. HÄBERL, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

"Some Orthographico-Phonetic Problems" of Mandaic Revisited

Saturday March 11th

31. ROEY SCHNEIDER, Universität Leipzig

The Akkadian Sibilants

32. ANTHONY D. YATES, The University of California, Los Angeles

How to Talk about Dragon-slaying in Hittite

Ancient Near East IV: Linguistics — Information Structure. PETRA GOEDEGEBUURE, The University of Chicago, Chair (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

33. ØYVIND BJØRU and NA'AMA PAT-EL, The University of Texas, Austin

Existential Angst: Non-existential *ibašši* in Neo-Assyrian

34. ANDREW ZULKER, The University of Chicago

The Ugaritic *w* and *p* of Apodosis: Perspectives from Information Structure and Comparative Semitics on Two 'Pleonastic' Conjunctions

Ancient Near East V: Letters. MARTHA ROTH, The University of Chicago, Chair (11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

35. ALICE MANDELL, Johns Hopkins University

From Speech Communities to Script Communities: New Directions in the Study of the Amarna Letters

Saturday March 11th

36. KARLENE SHIPPELHOUTE, Johns Hopkins University

Shaping Communication: Affordances and Tablet Shape in the Amarna Correspondence

37. JONATHAN PRICE, Brown University

"In the Reign of Your Father...": Measuring Up to Past Rulers in the Neo-Assyrian Scholarly Correspondence

East Asia III: Poetry and Poetics. PAUL W. KROLL, University of Colorado at Boulder, Chair (9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.) *Museum A Room*

38. KEXIN TANG, Arizona State University

Poetry as Incantation: Recontextualization of Religion and Ritual in Shen Yazhi's Prayers

39. YALIN DU,, Princeton University

"Crow Nailed them Together": Reflection on the Themes of "Crows" in Chinese Poetry

40. AMY ZHANG, Harvard University

The Poetics of Co-creation: Yan Zhenqing's Linked Verse in Huzhou

41. YUANQIU JIANG, Rutgers University

Discovering a Voice: Revisiting the Vocality of *Yuefu* Poetry'

Saturday March 11th

East Asia IV: Drama and Novel. THOMAS J. MAZANEC, University of California, Santa Barbara, Chair (11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) *Museum A Room*

42. KEVIN WILSON, University of California, Riverside

Withered Leaves and Traces of Dialogue between Li Shangyin (813-858) and *Honglouloumeng* (Dream of the Red Chamber)

43. MI LIU, Arizona State University

The Order of Agrarian Society Will Stand: A Theatrical Representation of the Buffer Zone between Central Land and Nomadic Culture in Yuan *Zaju* Play *Zhang Zhong's Pastoral Joy Hall at the Estuary*

Islamic Near East III: Natural Philosophy. JAWAD ANWAR QURESHI, Zaytuna College, Chair (9:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

44. OMAR ANCHASSI, University of Bern

Against Ptolemy? Cosmography in Early *Kalām*

45. DAVID BALDI, Yale University

Ibn Buṭlān (d. 1066 CE) and Ibn Jazla (d. 1100 CE) on the Diseases of the Head and Brain

Saturday March 11th

46. JENS OLE SCHMITT, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Ibn Abī l-Ash‘ath’s *Epistle on Sleeping and Wakefulness*

(Break)

47. RACHA EL OMARI, University of California Santa Barbara

Al-Balkhī’s (al-Ka‘bī’s) (d. 319/931) Doctrine of Nature in Light of a Chapter of *‘Uyūn al-Masā’il wa-l-Jawābāt*

48. MICHAEL LESSMAN, Yale University

Why Does al-Suhrawardī Talk about Ants? [Withdrawn]

Islamic Near East IV: Theories and Usages of Language. HAN HSIEN LIEW, Arizona State University,
Chair (9:00 a.m.--11:00 a.m.) *Museum B*

49. AVIGAIL NOY, University of Texas at Austin

Al-Jurjānī’s Idea of Metaphorical Predication Revisited

50. ALEXANDER KEY, Stanford University

Two Problems with the *Dalā’il al-I’jāz* of ‘Abd al-Qāhir al-Jurjānī

Saturday March 11th

51. SHAHANAZ BEGUM, University of Exeter

Meaning Making in the Formative Period: Muḥammad b. Ḥasan al-Shaybānī and the Role of Language in Law

52. KEVIN BLANKINSHIP, Brigham Young University

Organic Unity in the 'Personified Letter' of Ibn Ḥijja al-Ḥamawī (d. 837/1434)

South and Southeast Asia III: Vedic Language and Religion. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California Los Angeles, Chair (9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

53. JARROD WHITAKER, Wake Forest University

The Meaning of *yātú* and *yātudhāna* in the *R̥gveda*

54. JOHN CLAYTON and ALEX ROY, University of California, Los Angeles

A Marriage of Conveyance: *urvārī* 'bride' (AV) and Its Etymology

55. JOEL P. BRERETON, The University of Texas at Austin

Hybrid and Other Vernacular Verbs in the *Chāndogya Upaniṣad*

56. EVAN LEBARRE, The University of Texas at Austin

The *brahmacārīn* (student) as a Kuru Educational Innovation

Saturday March 11th

South and Southeast Asia IV: Dharmaśāstra. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Texas, Chair (10:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

57. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California, Los Angeles

“Overslaughting” in Vedic and Dharma Literature: Ritual, Mythological, and Legal Continuities and Disjunctions

58. DAVID BRICK, University of Michigan

The History of a Widow’s Right to Adopt in Dharmaśāstra

59. CHRISTOPHER T. FLEMING, University of Oxford

Deities as Legal Agents in Two Medieval Sanskrit Inscriptions

60. JASON SCHWARTZ, University of California, Santa Barbara

Pregnant with Possibilities: Hemādri’s Re-enchantment of the *Śrāddha* Ritual

61. M J. PATRICK OLIVELLE, The University of Texas at Austin

ā √*arj*: An Unnoticed Verbal Form in Sanskrit

Saturday March 11th

Saturday Afternoon

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration *Watercourt Room*

12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Watercourt Room*

Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

Ancient Near East VI: Special panel — Philology I. HERVÉ RECULEAU, The University of Chicago, Chair
(2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

62. PETER MACHINIST, Harvard University

Philology: Past, Present, Prospects (2021 Presidential Address)

Ancient Near East VII: Philology II. HERVÉ RECULEAU, The University of Chicago, Chair (3:15 p.m.—
4:45 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

63. MARK E. COHEN, University of Maryland

Proposed Identification of Sumerian Animal Names

Saturday March 11th

64. PARKER ZANE, Yale University

Clouds and Cloud Formations in the Mesopotamian Astral Sciences

64. JULIAN C. CHIKE, Baylor University

Innovation and Resignification in 𒬷ar.ra = *hubullu* 2: The Case of DI.KUD.GAL

East Asia V: Script, Philology, Phonology. MEOW HUI GOH, The Ohio State University, Chair (1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.) *Museum A Room*

65. LIYAO CHEN, University of Washington

The Adaptation and Use of Sinograms in Korean *hyangga* Poems

66. QIRAN JIN, Princeton University

Reorganization of Philological Information: A Study on the Trans-Genre of the *Shuowen jiezi* in the Print Era

67. CHANG CHE-CHIA, Academia Sinica

The Hidden Message between the Lines of the Kangxi Emperor's Linguistic Corrections in *Manchu Anatomy*

Saturday March 11th

68. RICHARD VAN NESS SIMMONS, The University of Hong Kong

How Original is Robert Morrison's Phonology of Mandarin?

East Asia VI: Historical and Religious Narrative. XIAOSHAN YANG, University of Notre Dame, Chair

(3:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.) *Museum A Room*

69. ANTJE RICHTER, University of Colorado, Boulder

Narrative Structure and Silence in a Medieval Chinese Buddhist Scripture

70. THOMAS J. MAZANEC, University of California, Santa Barbara

Constructing Yao Chong (651–721) in Medieval Literary Allusions

(Break)

71. SOOJUNG HAN, Southwestern University

An Integrated Empire: The "Great Liao" in the Tenth Century

72. LU ZHANG, University of Arizona

A Recall from Centuries Ago: The Three Indian Translators in the Song Chan Historiography

Saturday March 11th

Islamic Near East V: Hadith. ALEXANDER KEY, Stanford University, Chair (1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.)
Hershey/Crocker Room

73. BELAL ALABBAS, University of Exeter

Rationalising the Akhbār of the Imāms? Al-Ṭūsī (d. 460/1067) and Early Theories of Twelver Hadith Criticism

74. MOHAMMAD GHARAIBEH, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

When Intellectual and Political Collide: The Rise and Fall of the *Muqaddima* of Ibn al-Ṣalāḥ (d. 643/1245) in Cairo under the Mamluks

75. TYNAN KELLY, University of Chicago

Did the Prophet Speak Prose? The Position of *Ḥadīth* in Arabic Literary Criticism

76. HAN HSIEN LIEW, Arizona State University

“The Caliphate Will Last for Thirty Years”: Mamluk-Era Political Discourses on a Prophetic Hadith

Islamic Near East VI: History of Languages. DANIEL SHEFFIELD, Princeton University, Chair (3:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

77. HANNAH STORK, Yale University

Grumpy Grammarians and Language Lost: Early Syriac Grammars and the Shift to Arabic

Saturday March 11th

78. CHRIS MEZGER, Yale University

'It Was They Who Dug the Rivers': Aramaic and Aramaeans in Early Arabic Texts

79. RAMONA TEEPE, Yale University

Describing Coptic in Arabic: The Arabic Muqaddimāt on the Coptic Language

(Break)

80. KEVIN VAN BLADEL, Yale University

The Beginnings of the Neopersification of Iran

81. JESON NG, University of Chicago

Arab Roots in a Persian Land: Genealogies of Descent, Literary Tradition, and Place in Eleventh-Century Saljuq Poetry

Islamic Near East VII: Muslim Spirituality. BELAL ALABBAS, Centre for the Study of Islam, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter, UK, Chair (3:15 p.m. –4:15 p.m.) *Museum B Room*

82. SARAH MOKH, New York University

The Sacred Power of Obedience: The Ramifications of Taymiyyan Thought on *Baraka*

Saturday March 11th

83. ANTONIO MUSTO, New York University

The Author Formerly Known as Ibn Yazdānyār (d. 472/1079): A New Look at the *Rawḍat al-Murīdīn* and Its Place in the Broader Sufi Tradition

Islamic Near East VIII: Scribal Culture. KEVIN BLANKINSHIP, Brigham Young University, Chair (4:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m.) *Museum B Room*

84. ARSHAD M. HADJIRIN, University of Cambridge

Ibn al-Khatīb and a Novelty in the Art of Writing Preambles

85. NICHOLAS KYLE LONGWORTH, University of Chicago

ʿAbd al-Ḥamīd and Cultural Capital in Action

86. JAMIE O'CONNELL, Princeton University

Cooperation and Competition in the Composition Process of the Zoroastrian Persian Rivāyats

South and Southeast Asia V: Statecraft. J. PATRICK OLIVELLE, University of Texas, Chair (1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

87. MARK MCCLISH, Northwestern University

Two Registers of Religion In The *Arthaśāstra*

Saturday March 11th

88. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., The University of Texas at Austin

Hobbes, Not Machiavelli: Analogues for Kauṭilya

89. ISHAAN SHARMA, University of California, Berkeley

Narrating Statecraft through Mythology: The *Indravijayopākhyāna* in the *Udyogaparva* of the *Mahābhārata*

90. TIMOTHY LUBIN, Washington and Lee University

Hellenistic Precedents for Immunity Clauses in Indian Grant Charters?

South and Southeast Asia VI: Material Culture. LUTHER OBROCK, University of California, Berkeley, Chair (3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

91. JAMES MCHUGH, University of Southern California

Alcoholic Drinks in the *Kulārṇava Tantra* – a Close Reading and Analysis

92. ANDREW OLLETT, University of Chicago

References to Books and Writing in Early Jain Commentarial Literature

93. DIVYA KUMAR-DUMAS, New York University, & RHYNE KING, Freie Universität Berlin

Roads, Seals, and Authenticity in the Indus River Valley from the Persepolis Fortification Archive to Kauṭilya's *Arthaśāstra*

Saturday March 11th- Sunday March 12th

Saturday Evening

An Evening of Poetry in Translation by the Members of American Oriental Society. All Are Welcome. Refreshments Served. Curated by KEVIN BLANKINSHIP, Brigham Young University. (7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*. (Supported by a generous contribution from Brigham Young University, Middle Eastern Studies)

Featuring:

- NAOMI HARRIS, The University of Chicago (Ancient Near East)
- JESON NG, University of Chicago (Islamic Near East)
- YALIN DU,, Princeton University (East Asia)
- OJASWINI SHEKHAWAT, Yale University (South and Southeast Asia).

Sunday, March 12th

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8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Watercourt Room*

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Sunday Morning Sectional Meetings

Ancient Near East VIII: Philology III. AMANDA HILLS PODANY, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Chair (9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

94. GRANT FRAME, The University of Pennsylvania and Penn Museum
Hermann Hilprecht and the Babylonian Section of the Penn Museum

95. BRUCE WELLS, The University of Texas at Austin
The Neo-Babylonian Judicial Oath: Weak or Strong?

96. MICHAEL CHAPIN, Johns Hopkins University
Kassite Naming Practices in the First Dynasty of the Sealand (ca. 1500 BCE)

97. MATTHEW W. STOLPER, The University of Chicago
Ghee at Persepolis

East Asia VII: Early Text and Artifact. RICHARD VAN NESS SIMMONS, The University of Hong Kong. Chair (9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.) *Museum A Room*

98. DAVID JONES,, Independent Researcher
Decoding China's Earliest Documents

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99. MARTIN KERN, Princeton University

The Anhui University *Guofeng* Manuscript: What It Tells Us and What It Doesn't

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100. KUN YOU, University of Colorado at Boulder

Creating a Critical Edition in the Era of Manuscript: Reconsidering Liu Xiang's (79–8 BCE) Role in
Compiling the *Xunzi* Based on the Excavated Manuscript Evidence from the Warring States
Period (453–221 BCE)

101. MEIHUI LIU,, Princeton University

Examining the Repetitions Within and Between Chapters in the *Xunzi* 荀子: Traces of Liu Xiang's
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Inner Asia. STEFAN BAUMS, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Chair (9:00
a.m.--11:00 a.m.) *Museum B Room*

102. JOANN SCURLOCK, Elmhurst College

The Stoltikoff Plate: Who is the Lady in the Middle?

103. ADAM BENKATO, University of California, Berkeley

New Perspectives on the Sogdian Slave-Sale Contract from 7th-century Turfan

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104. DIEGO LOUKOTA, University of California, Los Angeles

Khādalik Revisited, or Trying to Make Sense of a Myriad Tiny Paper Scraps

105. STEFAN BAUMS, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München; ADAM BENKATO, University of California, Berkeley; and DIEGO LOUKOTA, University of California, Los Angeles

The State of the Field of the Lexicography of Inner Asian Languages: Gāndhārī, Sogdian, Khotanese, Tocharian

Islamic Near East IX: History and Historiography I. AHMED EL SHAMSY, University of Chicago, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

106. DANIEL SHEFFIELD, Princeton University

A Late Pahlavi Account of the Rise of Islam: The *Letter of Mahdī son of Furūh son of Sāsān*

107. THOMAS BENFEY, University of Oxford

Newly-Discovered Fragments from an Arabic Historical Work Focused on the Samanid Dynasty

108. AMEENA YOVAN, University of Chicago

“Three Thousand Coin, a Maidservant, a Manservant”: Qaṭām and Narrative Tension in ‘Alī’s Assassination

Sunday March 12th

109. RICCARDO PAREDI, American University of Beirut

Al-Tha'ālibī's Topographical Clichés in his "Book on Specificities of Lands

South and Southeast Asia VII: Philosophy and Theology. DANIEL M. STUART,

University of South Carolina, Chair (9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

110. TRACY COLEMAN, Colorado College

But Krishna Loves Women: Masculinity, Misogyny, and Radical Theology

111. MANASICHA AKEPIYAPORNCHAI, The University of Texas at Austin

Settling the Debate: Rāmānuja's *Gadyatraya*

112. VICTOR B. D'AVELLA,, University of Oxford

The Rāmāyaṇa as a Means to Salvation: Vedāntadeśika's Abhayapradānasāra

113. JONATHAN EDELMANN, University of Florida

Hierarchy and Goal in Jīva's *Six Essays* (Ṣaṭsandarbha)

114. ANUSHA RAO, University of Toronto

Why Thou Art Not That: Vādirāja on *tat tvam asi*

Sunday March 12th

South and Southeast Asia VIII: Sanskritic Engagements: Language and Literature. JASON SCHWARTZ, University of California, Santa Barbara, Chair (11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

115. SAMUEL M. GRIMES, University of California, Berkeley

The Mystery of the “Sanskrit” calla Names on the Dullu kīrtistambha

116. PRIYA NAMBRATH, University of Pennsylvania

New Vocabularies in Vernacular Indian Mathematics

117. JONATHAN R. PETERSON, Stanford University

The Poetics of Interreligious Love in Mughal Banaras

Sunday Afternoon

12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Book Exhibit and Sale *Watercourt Room*

Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

Ancient Near East X: Linguistics — Morphology. ANTHONY D. YATES, The University of California, Los Angeles, Chair (1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

118. COLTON SIEGMUND, The University of Chicago

Additional Support for the Language-Internal Origin of the Sumerian Prefix of Anteriority {u}

Sunday March 12th

119. JOHN MELLISON, The University of Texas, Austin

The Development of T-stems in Semitic

120. PHILLIP W. STOKES, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

‘Dialectal Tanwīn’ and a Historical Typology of Arabic Dialectal Features

ISLAMIC NEAR EAST X: History and historiography II. MOHAMMAD SAGHA, Harvard University Chair

(1:30–2:30 p.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

121. RAASHID S. GOYAL, Cornell University

Blackness in the Jāhiliyya and Islam: An Onomastic Inquiry

122. MUSTAFA BANISTER, Utah State University

Ibn ‘Arabshah and the “Turkmen Question”: Fifteenth-Century Realignments of Power between Cairo and Eastern Anatolia

South and Southeast Asia IX: Religious Figures and Communities. TIMOTHY LUBIN, Washington and Lee University, Chair (1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

123. STEFAN BAUMS, University of Munich

Commendable Qualities of Buddhas and Monks: **prāśaṃsyasthāna* in a Gāndhārī Manuscript

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124. DANIEL M. STUART, University of South Carolina

The Pāriyātraka Tree as the Tree of Dharma: Reflections on a Ritual Episode in the
Saddharmasmṛtyupasthāna(sūtra)

125. MICHAEL FIDEN, The University of Texas at Austin

Rudra as Indra: Disentangling Divine Roles in the Ṛgveda and Atharvaveda

Plenary Session: Climate, Geography, and the Natural Environment. MARTIN KERN, Princeton
University, Chair (2:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

126. HERVÉ RECULEAU, University of Chicago

Ancient Near East: How Climate Change Impacted the History of 1st Millennium Mesopotamia—
and How it Likely Did Not

127. ELIZABETH BERGER, University of California, Riverside

East Asia: Human Remains and Human-Environment Interaction in Ancient China

128. MATTHEW KING, University of California, Riverside

Inner Asia: Scaling the Human with the Gobi Desert: Excavatory Logics and Planetary Thinking in
Inner Asia during Long 19th Century

129. ZOZAN PEHLIVAN , University of Minnesota

Islamic Near East: Title to be Announced

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130. JASON NEELIS, WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

South and Southeast Asia: Topographical Imperatives in South Asian Literary and Visual Cultures

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting (All Members Are Encouraged to Attend.) *Bunker Hill Room*

Sunday Evening

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

7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner *Bunker Hill Room*

Presidential Address (Near the Conclusion of the Dinner, at approximately 9:00 p.m.) *Bunker Hill Room*

JAMES FITZGERALD, Brown University.

The Great Mahābhārata After-Dinner Talk.

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Monday Morning

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues *Watercourt Room*

Monday Morning Sectional Meetings

Islamic Near East XI: Islamic Theology and Philosophy. OMAR ANCHASSI,
University of Bern, Chair (9:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.) *Hershey/Crocker Room*

131. HUREYRE KAM, Yale University

The System of “Dual Epistemology” in Abū Manṣūr al-Māturīdī’s (d. 333/944)
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132. JAWAD ANWAR QURESHI, Zaytuna College.

Between Glossator and Verifier: Sa’d al-Dīn al-Taftāzānī (d. 1390) on the
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133. MICHAEL A. RAPOPORT, Florida Atlantic University

The Celestial Soul or 'On the Proof of Prophecy'? The Dual Life of an Avicennan (?) Treatise on the Soul

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134. DOMINIQUE SIRGY, Yale University

The Hermetic *Rebuke of the Soul*: Evidence for the Authorship of Bābā Afzāl al-Kāshānī

135. MOHAMMAD SAGHA, Harvard University

Apocalyptic Literatures and the *Mahdī* in Early Islam: *Kitāb al-Malāḥim*, Bloodlines, and the Question of Sovereign Leadership in Early Islam

South and Southeast Asia X: Epics. ADHEESH SATHAYE, University of British Columbia, Chair
(9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.) *Bradbury/Rose Room*

136. SALLY J. SUTHERLAND GOLDMAN, University of California, Berkeley

Demonic Demise: Demons, Dismemberment, and Decapitation in Vālmīki's *Rāmāyaṇa*

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137. ANAHITA HOOSE, University of California, Los Angeles
Bringing the Wind to Earth: A Jain Conception of Hanumān
138. TIMOTHY LORNDAL, University of Toronto, Mississauga
The Making of a *Mahābhārata* Tradition among Digambara Jains in Medieval Karṇāṭaka
139. ROBERT P. GOLDMAN, University of California, Berkeley
Guardians of Truth: Commentarial Interventions in Support of the Heroes of the
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140. CHRISTOPHER MINKOWSKI, University of Oxford
“Drink Poison, O King”: Appendices to Vimalabodha's Commentary on the *Udyogaparvan*
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