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Conference Information

Meeting Site. The 215th Meeting of the American Oriental Society will be held in Philadelphia between March 18–21, 2005. Hotel rooms for participants have been blocked at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel located at One Dock Street (2nd & Walnut Streets), Philadelphia, PA 19106 USA.

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 **February 28, 2005 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 \$149 for single or double; \$179, club level, per night. Telephone: (215) 238-6000; Fax (215) 238-6652; Toll-free Sheraton main line (800) 325-3535.

Hotel Location: The Sheraton is conveniently located 10 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport and Amtrak's 30th Street Station. \$20 flat rate from the airport to the hotel, \$8 for USA Limousine (1-800-6070). The Center City Shuttle, located on the baggage claim level, stops at the Sheraton Society Hill between the hours of 7AM and 7PM. If driving, follow I-95 to Exit 20 (Penns Landing/Washington Avenue) and turn left on Columbus Boulevard. Proceed to Dock Street and turn left. Continue to the end of Dock Street and turn right. The hotel is located on your right.

Conference Meeting Rooms. All sessions will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. The Annual Subscription Banquet will take place on Sunday evening, March 20, 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, March 18, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The Registration Desk is in the Bromley-Claypoole Room (lobby 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 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 1, 2005, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2005 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 2005. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2004 dues may also do so here.

Plenary Session. The Plenary Session, entitled “Scripts and Writing”, will be held on Sunday morning, March 20, 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting. A general Business Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, March 20, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend. The business meeting should adjourn shortly before noon.

Receptions: An introductory reception will be held on Friday, March 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Room. All registered members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

On Saturday, March 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., there will be a Reception for Members and their Guests Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archæology and Anthropology, 3260 South Street.

The Annual Subscription Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday evening, March 20, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 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 by sending \$35.00 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 Presidential Address will be delivered by Gary M. Beckman following the Annual Subscription Dinner. All members and guests are invited to attend the address.

Other Special Events and Associated Meeting:

Friday, 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Reception: To Celebrate the Memory of George Makdisi, and the Publication of *Law and Education in Medieval Islam: Studies in Memory of George Makdisi*, edited by Joseph Lowry, Devin Stewart and Shawkat M. Toorawa. *Ballroom D*

Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent Ph.D.'s (Hosted by the AOS) *Reynolds Room*

33rd NACAL 2005. A joint AOS-NACAL session (Ancient Near East I) has been scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 18. For further information concerning all the sessions of the 33rd NACAL Meeting (Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2005), please contact: Rebecca Hasselbach and Na'ama Pat-El, Organizers NACAL 2005, NACAL 2005, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA; E-mail: NACAL2005@yahoo.com, <http://www.nacal.org/>.

Book Exhibit and Sale. The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, March 18, at 1:00, and continue daily during the meeting, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Beginning on Sunday afternoon and continuing through Monday morning March 21, 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 Academic Publishers, David Brown Book Co., Eisenbrauns, and Gorgias Press will oversee independent exhibits and discounted sales. 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 215th ANNUAL MEETING

—OUTLINE—

Thursday, March 17th

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

Friday, March 18th

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

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration *Bromley-Claypoole Room*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration and Book Exhibit
Bromley-Claypoole Room

Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East I: AOS/NACAL: Linguistics
(1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*
- B. Inner Asia. Linguistics, Historical Ethnography, and History
(2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Ballroom E*
- C. Islamic Near East I: Qurʾān
(1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) *Ballroom D*
- D. Islamic Near East II: Qurʾān & Law
(3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Ballroom D*
- E. South and Southeast Asia I: 1. Linguistics; 2. Lokas
and Locations: The Transformative Power of Travel
to Sacred Worlds (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.) *Cook Room*

Friday Evening

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Reception: To celebrate the Memory
of George Makdisi *Ballroom D*

6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests
Hamilton Room

Saturday, March 19th

- 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Breakfast for Graduate Students
and Recent PhD's (Hosted by the AOS)
Reynolds Room
- 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration and Book Exhibit
Bromley-Claypoole Room

Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East II: Sumerian Archæology, Art History,
and Language (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*
- B. East Asia I: East Asia I: Chinese History and Religion
(9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.) *Flower Room*
- C. Islamic Near East III: Law (9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *Ballroom D*
- D. Islamic Near East IV: Law (11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) *Ballroom D*
- E. South and Southeast Asia II: The Avesta and the Vedic
Tradition (9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.) *Cook Room*

- 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration and Book Exhibit
Bromley-Claypoole Room

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- A. Ancient Near East III: Sumero-Babylonian History, Literature,
and Religion (1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*
- B. East Asia II: Chinese Literature and Linguistics
(2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Flower Room*
- C. Islamic Near East V: Literature (2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)
Ballroom D
- D. Islamic Near East VI: Religion and Thought
(4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Ballroom D*
- E. South and Southeast Asia III: Religion (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.)
Cook Room

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of Archæology and Anthropology*

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Bromley-Claypoole Room
- 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Scripts and Writing
Ballroom AB
- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting *Ballroom AB*
- 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit *Bromley-Claypoole Room*

Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East IV: Mesopotamian Archaeology and
History (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Ballroom E*
- B. Ancient Near East V: Assyrian and Babylonian History
and Literature (2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*
- C. East Asia III: Translators of the Past (2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)
Flower Room
- D. Islamic Near East VII: History (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.)
Ballroom D
- E. Islamic Near East VIII: Religion (4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.)
Ballroom D
- F. South and Southeast Asia IV: Literature (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.)
Cook Room

- 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Sale *Bromley-Claypoole Room*

Sunday Evening

- 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) *Hamilton Room*
- 8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner and
9:15 p.m. Presidential Address *Ballroom ABC*

Monday, March 21st

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues *Bromley-Claypoole Room*

Monday Morning Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East VI: Ancient Near Eastern History, Literature, and Religion (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*
- B. Islamic Near East IX: Philosophy (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
Ballroom D
- C. South and Southeast Asia V: 1. Interplay of History and Literature in Indo-Persian Texts; 2. Philosophy (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
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A. Ancient Near East I: AOS/NACAL: Linguistics.

MAYNARD P. MAIDMAN, York University, Chair (1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) *Ballroom AB*

1. PETER DANIELS, New York City
Alphabets and Encyclopedias
2. REBECCA HASSELBACH, Cambridge, MA
Preservation and Loss of ʾ_{1-5} in Sargonic Akkadian
3. JOHN HUEHNERGARD and NA'AMA PAT-EL, Harvard University
Cleft Sentences in Semitic Languages
4. JOHN A. COOK, University of Wisconsin – Madison
Typology and the Biblical Hebrew Verb

(*Break*)

Friday Afternoon

5. JOHN HUEHNERGARD, Harvard University
Hebrew Verbs I-*w* / *y* and a Proto-Semitic Sound Rule
6. DAVID TESTEN, Reston, Virginia
Some Anomalous Broken Plural Formations and the Prehistory of Arabic
7. ALAN S. KAYE, California State University, Fullerton
Vocalism in Arabic and the History of the Language
8. ELITZUR AVRAHAM BAR-ASHER, Harvard University
The Pattern of *qtīl li* in Syriac and Babylonian Aramaic

B. Inner Asia. Linguistics, Historical Ethnography, and History. REUVEN AMITAI, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Chair (2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Ballroom E*

9. GREGORY D. S. ANDERSON, MPI-EVA/Leipzig and University of Oregon
Natural Change, Obsolescent Change and Language Contact in Tofa and Middle Chulym
10. ILYA YAKUBOVICH, University of Chicago, and YUTAKA YOSHIDA, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies
Sogdian *Samghāṭasūtra*
(Break)
11. DENIS SINOR, Indiana University
Skiing in Ancient and Medieval Inner Asia
12. REUVEN AMITAI, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mongol Provincial Administration: Palestine in 1260 as a Case-Study

Friday Afternoon

C. Islamic Near East I: Qurʾān. DEVIN STEWART, Chair, Emory University (1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) *Ballroom D*

13. GABRIEL SAID REYNOLDS, Notre Dame University
Why is Abraham’s Wife Laughing in Qurʾān 11:71?
14. BRUCE FUDGE, New York University
The Clear and the Confounded: Imāmī and Muʿtazilī Exegesis of Qurʾān 3:7
15. ALFORD T. WELCH, Michigan State University
A Summary of Research on The Most Popular Lists of the Ninety Nine Names of God as they Relate to the Qurʾān

D. Islamic Near East II: Qurʾān & Law. SUSAN SPECTORSKY, Queens College, CUNY (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Ballroom D*

16. EVERETT K. ROWSON, New York University
Straight or Gay? The Curious Exegetical History of Qurʾān 4:15–16
17. MICHAEL G. CARTER, University of Oslo
Foreign Words in the Qurʾān and the Implications for *Uṣūl al-Fiqh*
(Break)
18. KHALID YAHYA BLANKINSHIP, Temple University
The *Ṣulḥ* verse (Qurʾān 4:128) and its Rival Classical Interpretations
19. SUSAN SPECTORSKY, Queens College, CUNY
Two Examples of the Use of Qurʾān Verses in Early *Fiqh* Texts

Friday Afternoon

E. South and Southeast Asia I. (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.) *Cook Room*

1. Linguistics. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California Los Angeles, Chair

20. SIGNE COHEN, University of Missouri

Regional Variations in the Indus Script

21. HARTMUT SCHARFE, University of California Los Angeles

kāṛaka in Pāṇini's Grammar

22. MASATO KOBAYASHI, Hakuoh University

Pāṇini and Irregular Retroflexion in Vedic Saṃhitās

23. ASHOK AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia

When Do *lakṣaṇaika-cakṣuṣka* and *lakṣyaika-cakṣuṣka* Apply?
(Part 2)

24. PETER SCHARF, Brown University

The Articulation of *anusvāra* and *visarga*

(Break)

2. Lokas and Locations: The Transformative Power of Travel to Sacred Worlds. TAMARA S. J. LANAGHAN, Harvard University, Chair

25. NEELIMA SHUKLA BHATT, Wellesley College

Transportation and Transformation in the Hagiography of Narasinha Mehtā

26. KRISTIN SCHEIBLE, Bard College

Relocating the Light of the Dhamma in the Pāli *Mahāvamsa*

27. TAMARA S. J. LANAGHAN, Harvard University

Finding Kashi in Kolhapur: Mirroring a North Indian Sacred City in South India

28. TIMOTHY DOBE, Harvard Divinity School

Respondent

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29. SARAH J. SCOTT, University of Pennsylvania

Sign, Symbol, and Figure in Early Dynastic I Mesopotamia

30. JON TAYLOR, University of Birmingham, England

The Cuneiform Digital Palaeography Project

31. NIEK VELDHUIS, University of California, Berkeley

The Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts

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Saturday Morning

32. CALE JOHNSON, University of California, Los Angeles
The Definiteness Effect in the Semitic Construct State, Relativization in Akkadian, and the Sumerian Comparanda
33. GONZALO RUBIO, Pennsylvania State University
Reading Sumerian Names, or How to Split Hairs on a Bald Head
34. FUMI KARAHASHI, University of Pennsylvania
Relative Clauses in Sumerian: An Experimental Syntactic Analysis

B. East Asia I: Chinese History and Religion. RICHARD VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.)
Flower Room

35. DAVID W. PANKENIER, Lehigh University
Acknowledging the Other: An Astrological Paradigm Shift in Early Imperial China
36. JIA JINHUA, City University of Hong Kong
Examination of the Hongzhou-School Literature of Chinese Chan Buddhism
37. IAN CHAPMAN, Princeton University
The Birthday as Festival in Six Dynasties to Tang China

C. Islamic Near East III: Law. EVERETT K. ROWSON, New York University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.) *Ballroom D*

38. JOSEPH E. LOWRY, University of Pennsylvania
The First Islamic Legal Theory: Reconsidering Ibn al-Muqaffa's Ideas on Interpretation and Authority
39. JONATHAN E. BROCKOPP, Pennsylvania State University
Early Islamic Law: a New Text
40. CHRISTOPHER MELCHERT, University of Oxford
The *Muṣannaf* of Ibn Abî Shaybah

Saturday Morning

D. Islamic Near East IV: Law. DAVID S. POWERS, Cornell University, Chair (11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) *Ballroom D*

41. KEVIN REINHART, Dartmouth College “The *Sharʿ* of those before us”: The Authority of non-Muslim Scriptures over Muslims, and of Muslim Revelation over non-Muslims
42. MARK WAGNER, New York University
Pious Fraud or Pragmatic Integration? The Case of the Kuḥlānī Synagogue in Ṣanʿāʾ (1933–1936)
43. DEVIN STEWART, Emory University
Al-Sayrafi’s Manual of Jurisprudence: *Kitāb al-Dalāʾil wa’l-Aʿlām*

(Break)

44. DAVID S. POWERS, Cornell University
Law and Sufism in the Maghrib in the 8th/14th Century
45. HIMMET TASKOMUR, Harvard University
How a Relative Knowledge of *Fiqh* Can Represent Universal Knowledge of the *Sharʿa*: the Madhhabology of Muhy al-Din al-Kafiyaji (879/1474)

E. South and Southeast Asia II: The Avesta and the Vedic Tradition. JAMES L. FITZGERALD, University of Tennessee, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.) *Cook Room*

46. JARROD L. WHITAKER, University of Texas at Austin
Male Identity in Ancient India: *nár*, *vīrá*, and *súra* in the Ṛgveda
47. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California, Los Angeles
Vasiṣṭha and the Poetics of Reference
48. STANLEY INSLER, Yale University
Zarathustra’s Genetic System
49. SCOTT L. HARVEY, University of Texas at Austin
What’s a Mahiṣi like You Doing in a Pāda like This?

(Break)

Saturday Morning–Afternoon

50. WALKER TRIMBLE, University of Pennsylvania
Ritual Punctuation in the Manuscripts of the University of Pennsylvania
51. RICHARD SALOMON, University of Washington
The Indo-Greek Era of 186/5 B.C.
52. JOËL DUBOIS, California State University, Sacramento
The Ritual Context for Śaṅkara's *Adhyāsa*
53. BOGDAN DIACONESCU, University of Lausanne
Searching God in the Vedic Sentence: Udayana on Verbal Affix and Sentence Cognition

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54. WILLIAM W. HALLO, Yale University
A Sumerian Apocryphon? The Royal Correspondence of Ur Reconsidered
55. NICOLE BRISCH, Cornell University
The Divine Kingship of Shu-Sin of Ur
56. TONIA SHARLACH, Harvard Divinity School
Women's Religion at the Ur III Court?
57. RICHARD E. AVERBECK, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
The Gods in Sumerian Historiography

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Saturday Afternoon

58. PIOTR MICHAŁOWSKI, University of Michigan
The Strange History of the History of the Tummal
59. FRANCESCA ROCHBERG, University of California, Riverside
Astral Deities in Ancient Mesopotamia
60. CLAUS WILCKE, Universität Leipzig
Epic, Play or What? Or: How was the ‘Epic’ of “Enmerkar and
Enshugirana” Performed?
61. ALHENA GADOTTI, The Johns Hopkins University
Gilgamesh, Gudam and the Bard in Sumerian Literature
- B. East Asia II: Chinese Literature and Linguistics.** PAUL W.
KROLL, Chair, University of Colorado, Chair (2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)
Flower Room
62. KONG XURONG, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The scope of the *wu* in *yongwu fu*
63. SUJANE WU, Swarthmore College
The Final and Unique Literary Piece of Lu Yun (262–303): The
“Rhapsody on the Southern Expedition” (*Nanzheng fu*)
64. RICHARD VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University
The Delights of Dialect Fieldwork: Discoveries Made at a Taixing
Memorial to a Hero of the Korean War
- C. Islamic Near East V: Literature.** PHILIP F. KENNEDY, New
York University, Chair (2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) *Ballroom D*
65. BO HOLMBERG, Lund University
‘Abd Al-Ḥamīd’s *Risāla* on the Purchase of Slave-Girls
66. JOCELYN SHARLET, University Of California, Davis
Building Descriptions in the Poetry of al-Sarī al-Raffāʿ
67. WOLFHART P. HEINRICHS, Harvard University
Ṣafī al-Dīn al-Ḥillī’s Auto-Anthology

Saturday Afternoon

D. Islamic Near East VI: Religion and Thought. WOLFHART P. HEINRICHS, Harvard University, Chair (4:00 p.m.–5:30p.m.) *Ballroom D*

68. RACHA EL OMARI, Yale University
Abū 'l-Qāsim al-Balḥī/al-Ka'bī's Doctrine on Human Knowledge
69. MAURICE A. POMERANTZ, University Of Chicago
Khilāfah and *Mulk*: Political Thought in the Epistles of al-Ṣāhib Ismā'īl ibn 'Abbād
70. ELI ALSHECH, Princeton University
Rethinking Modesty Regulations: a New Reading of Early Islamic Law
71. ROBERT MORRISON, Whitman College
Responses to Ptolemy in Andalusia

E. South and Southeast Asia III: Religion. CHRISTOPHER Z. MINKOWSKI, Cornell University, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.) *Cook Room*

72. PATRICK OLIVELLE, University of Texas at Austin
Viṣṇu-Smṛti: Explorations in a Forgotten Dharmasātra
73. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Contributions of Ludo Rocher to the Study of Hindu Law
74. RICHARD D. MANN, McMaster University
On *Skandagraha*: The Early Cult of Skanda in Kuṣāṇa India
75. FREDERICK M. SMITH, University of Iowa
Names of *grahas* in the *Madanamahārṇava*
- (*Break*)

Saturday Afternoon–Evening–Sunday Morning

76. VIDYUT AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia
Is She or Is She Not Sītā? The Identity of Pārvatī and Sītā in
Ānanda-rāmāyaṇa
77. KENGO HARIMOTO, University of Groningen
Caṇḍeśvara and the Original *Skandapurāṇa*
78. GUDRUN BÜHNEMANN, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Identification of an Illustrated Haṭhayoga Manuscript and Its
Significance for Traditions of Eighty-four Āsanas in Yoga
79. JUSTIN MCDANIEL, University of California, Riverside
Notes on the Teaching of Pāḷi Grammar in Thailand

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80. CHRISTOPHER WOODS, University of Chicago, Oriental Institute
Ancient Near East: On the Typology of Pristine Writing Sys-
tems
81. To be Announced
East Asia:
82. BEATRICE GRUENDLER, Yale University
Islamic Near East: Vowel versus Consonant in the Arabic
Script
83. RICHARD SALOMON, University of Washington
South and Southeast Asia: On Alphabetical Order in India,
and Elsewhere

Sunday Morning–Afternoon

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting. (All members are encouraged to attend.) *Ballroom AB*

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit. *Bromley-Claypoole Room*

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Berossus on Late Babylonian History

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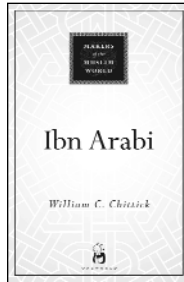
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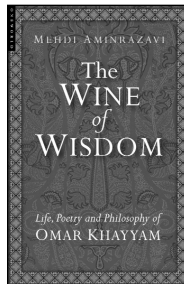
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