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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 Archaeology 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

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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: Qurān
   (1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) Ballroom D
D. Islamic Near East II: Qurān & 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

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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 Archaeology, 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.)  
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  *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.) *Cook Room*
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Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings


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 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 qtil 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 YOSHDIA, 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
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
   kāraka 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 lakṣaṇa-ika-caṅkuska and lakṣya-ika-caṅkuska 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 Mehta

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

   (Break)


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

   Early Islamic Law: a New Text

40. **Christopher Melchert**, University of Oxford
   The *Muṣannaf* of Ibn Abī 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 Kuhlānī Synagogue in Șanʿāʾ (1933–1936)

43. DEVIN STEWART, Emory University
   Al-Sayrafi’s Manual of Jursiprudence: 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 Muḥy 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, vīrā, and śūra in the Rgveda

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?
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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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58. Piotr Michalowski, 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
   Enschirana” 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 Van Ness 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-Raffā’

67. Wolfhart P. Heinrichs, Harvard University
   Şafi 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.–5:30 p.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 ʿAbbād

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 Dharmaśātra

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 *Madanamahāryāva*

   *(Break)*
Saturday Afternoon–Evening–Sunday Morning

76. Vidyut Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
   Is She or Is She Not Sitā? The Identity of Pārvatī and Sitā in Ananda-rāmāyana

77. Kengo Harimoto, University of Groningen
   Caṇḍesvara 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 Pāli Grammar in Thailand

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Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Chair. Ballroom AB

80. Christopher Woods, University of Chicago, Oriental Institute
   Ancient Near East: On the Typology of Pristine Writing Systems

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
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84. JUDY BJORKMAN, Owego, New York
   Taming the Spirits? — The Phenomenology of Closure Deposits
85. SETH RICHARDSON, University of Chicago, Oriental Institute
   Countrysides: Modeling a Babylonian Exurbia
86. MAGNUS WIDELL, University of Chicago, Oriental Institute
   Modeling Mesopotamia: Preliminary Findings from the Upper Khabur
87. GLENN M. SCHWARTZ, The Johns Hopkins University
   Excavations at Umm el Marra, Syria, 2002 and 2004
   (Break)
88. SALLY DUNHAM, Yale University
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