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Conference Information

Meeting Site. The 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society will be held Friday, March 16–Monday, March 19, 2007, in San Antonio, TX. Hotel rooms for participants have been blocked at the at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, 205 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

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 12, 2006 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 single, $159 double. Rates are in effect for March 14-20, 2007.

Direct phone: (210) 227-3241; Fax: (210) 227-9305; Toll-free main reservation line 888-999-2089 or 800-325-3535. Sheraton Gunter Hotel Website: http://www.gunterhotel.com/gunterhome.html. The Society’s contract with the Gunter Hotel 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 conference hotel 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 hotel is located in the Central Downtown Theater District close to the famed Riverwalk, noted for lively entertainment, fine dining, and convenient shopping. The hotel has a fitness center, whirlpool, and outdoor heated pool. Parking rate is $14/day + tax-valet.

Transportation: San Antonio International Airport: There are several ground transportation options between San Antonio International and surrounding metropolitan area destinations. Detailed ground transportation information is available at the airport’s website: http://www.sanantonio.gov/aviation/groundtransportation.asp. For driving directions, refer to the Sheraton Gunter Hotel Website: http://www.gunterhotel.com/gunterhome.html.

Conference Meeting Rooms. All sessions will be held at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel. The Annual Subscription Banquet will take place on Sunday evening, March 18, also at the hotel.
Registration: Early registration is on Friday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Registration Desk is in Ludwig’s on the second floor. 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, 2007, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2007 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 2007. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2007 dues may also do so here.

Special Events:

Reception: An introductory reception will be held on Friday, March 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Magnolia Room, Gunter Terrace. All registered members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent Ph.D.’s, hosted by the AOS, will be on Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. in the Quadrangle Room.

Plenary Session. The Plenary Session, entitled “Sacred Space”, will be held on Sunday morning, March 18, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Special Session. “Seventy Years Among Orientalists”, presented by Denis Sinor, Indiana University on Sunday morning, March 18, 10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Business Meeting. A general Business Meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, March 19, beginning at 11:45 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend. The business meeting should adjourn by 12:30 p.m.

The Annual Subscription Dinner with associated events has been scheduled for Sunday evening, March 18, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 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, 2007, 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 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**Franz Rosenthal Prize Presentation to Joshua Blau**, Sunday evening, March 18, 8:45 p.m. Prof. Blau will also present “Elements of Spoken Aramaic in Early Judeo-Arabic Texts Spelt Phonetically” on Monday, March 19, at 9:00–9:30 a.m.

**The Presidential Address** “Between Something and Nothing” will be delivered by Paul W. Kroll following the Annual Subscription Dinner, at approximately 9:00 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend the address.

**35th NACAL 2007.** A joint AOS-NACAL session (Ancient Near East I) has been scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 16. NACAL participants who have not registered for the AOS meeting and wish to attend the joint AOS/NACAL session must pay a $25.00 “cross-registration” premium. If they expect to attend other sessions of the AOS meeting, they are required to register and pay the full AOS registration fee.

**Book Exhibit and Sale.** The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, March 16, 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 19, 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, Eisenbrauns, and Mellen Press will oversee independent exhibits and discounted sales. Those wishing to purchase at discount from these publishers should deal directly with them.

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**Meeting Arrangements Organized by**

Bill Sanford of Chatterton Meeting Planners, Hamden, Connecticut
PROGRAM OF THE 217th ANNUAL MEETING

—OUTLINE—

Thursday, March 15th

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

Friday, March 16th

Friday Morning
9:00 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Program Section Chairs Meeting
Quadrangle Room
9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. AOS Board of Directors Meeting
Quadrangle Room
9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration Ludwig’s

Friday Afternoon
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration and Book Exhibit
Ludwig’s

Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings
A. Ancient Near East I: AOS/NACAL: Linguistics
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) L. Mahncke Room
B. Ancient Near East II: Writing Systems
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom
C. Islamic Near East I: Literature: Beneath the Surface;
   Sociability in Medieval Arabic Literature
   and Culture; Inversion (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)
   Bluebonnet Room
D. Islamic Near East II: Law: Shafi(i)tes
   (5:20 p.m.–6:20 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room
E. South and Southeast Asia I: 1. Iranian and Indian Religion;
   2. Vedic Language and Linguistics (1:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.)
   Magnolia Room

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Friday Evening
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.  Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests
  Magnolia Room, Gunter Terrace

Saturday, March 17th

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8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.  Breakfast for Graduate Students
  and Recent PhD’s (Hosted by the AOS)
  Quadrangle Room
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Morning Registration and Book Exhibit
  Ludwig’s

Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings
A. Ancient Near East III: Akkadian Literature
   (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)  Crystal Ballroom
B. East Asia I: Chinese Phonology and Paleography
   (9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.)  L. Mahncke Room
C. Islamic Near East III: Religion: Qur’anic text; Relics; God
   (9:00 a.m.–11:40 a.m.)  Bluebonnet Room
D. Islamic Near East IV: History: Commerce
   (11:40 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)  Bluebonnet Room
E. South and Southeast Asia II: Old Iranian Literature
   Epics and Dharmaśastra; Drama and Poetry
   (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)  Magnolia Room

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B. Ancient Near East V: Special Session:
   Where have all the tablets gone? Preserving Iraq’s Cultural Heritage in Times of Unrest
   (3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.)  Crystal Ballroom
C. East Asia II: Chinese Rhetoric, Poetry, and Music
   (1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)  L. Mahncke Room
D. Islamic Near East South and Southeast Asia Joint Session: Interactions between Sanskrit, Arabic, and Persianate Intellectuals and Artists
(1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) Magnolia Room
E. Islamic Near East VI: Literature: Greek and Persian Elements in Ninth Century Arabic Literary Culture
(4:40 p.m.–6:00 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room

Sunday, March 18th

Sunday Morning
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration and Book Exhibit
Ludwig’s

8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Plenary Session: Sacred Space
Crystal Ballroom
11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Special Session: Seventy Years Among Orientalists. Denis Sinor Crystal Ballroom
11:50 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting
Crystal Ballroom

Sunday Afternoon
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit and Sale Ludwig’s

Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings
A. Ancient Near East VI: History, Culture & Religion
(1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom
B. Islamic Near East VII: Theology and Philosophy: Ash’ari(tes); Rummānī (1:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.)
Bluebonnet Room
C. Islamic Near East VIII: History and Literature Lives and ‘Afterlives’; Tawḥīd (2:55 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room
D. Islamic Near East IX: Religion: Apocalyptic
(5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room
E. South and Southeast Asia III: 1. Buddhism; 2. Grammar and Etymology (2:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.) Magnolia Room

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Sunday Evening
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) *Yellow Rose Room, Gunter Terrace*

7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner,
8:45 p.m. • Franz Rosenthal Prize Presentation,
9:30 p.m. • and Presidential Address *Crystal Ballroom*

Monday, March 19th

Monday Morning
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues *Ludwig’s*

**Monday Morning Sectional Meetings**
A. Ancient Near East VII: Economy & Society (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
   *Crystal Ballroom*
B. Special Session: Franz Rosenthal Prize Communication:
   Joshua Blau (9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.) *Bluebonnet Room*
C. Islamic Near East X: Religion and History:
   Female Elites; Universals (9:40 a.m.–11:30 a.m.) *Bluebonnet Room*
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*Quadrangle Room*

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

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration. *Ludwig’s*

Friday Afternoon

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration and Book Exhibit. *Ludwig’s*

Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

  ANNALISA AZZONI, Vanderbilt University, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *L. Mahncke Room*

  1. HERMANN JUNGRAITHMAYR, Institut für Afrikanische Sprachwissenschaft, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt 
    The Semitoid Nature of Mubi (Chadic)

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Friday Afternoon

2. Elitzur Avraham Bar-Asher, Harvard University
   A New Perspective on Barth’s Law

3. W. Randall Garr, University of California, Santa Barbara [withdrawn]
   The Medial Demonstratives hallazeh, hallezū, and hallaz

4. Na’ama Pat-El, Harvard University
   The Function and Etymology of the Aramaic Particle *LM*
   (Break)

5. Christopher Woods, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago
   The Conjugation Prefixes, the Dative Case, and the Empathy Hierarchy in Sumerian

6. Calvert Watkins, University of California Los Angeles
   A Note on the Hittite Funerary Ritual for a Prince or Princess

7. David Testen
   Potential Iranian and Anatolian Cognates to the Greek Preposition *(k)sun*

8. William W. Malandra, University of Texas
   Pahlavi dālman ‘vulture’ and the ideogram *CC` (sš`)

B. Ancient Near East II: Writing Systems.
Seth Richardson, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Chair
(2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom

9. Miguel Civil, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago
   Transfer and Adaptation of Logograms

10. Ilya Yakubovich, University of Chicago
    Pragmatics of the Glossenkeil in Bronze Age Syria and Anatolia

11. Benjamin Studevent-Hickman, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago
    The Ninety-Degree Rotation of the Cuneiform Script
    (Break)

12. Lloyd B. Anderson, Ecological Linguistics
    From Mesopotamian Cuneiform to Aegean Syllabaries and Mathematical Notations
Friday Afternoon

13. Peter T. Daniels, New York
   Recent Works on the Origins of Writing

D. Islamic Near East I: Literature. (1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)
   Bluebonnet Room
   • Beneath the Surface. Majd Al-Mallah, Grand Valley State
     University, Chair (1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room

14. Bilal Orfali, Yale University
   Representations of the Sea in Pre-Islamic Poetry

15. Ruqayya Khan, Trinity University
   Secrecy in Early Islam

   ‘Implicit Tafsīr’ and the Exoteric Aspect of Ismāʿīlī Exegesis
   • Sociability in Medieval Arabic Literature and Culture.
     (Organized by Samer Ali and Jocelyn Sharlet) Everett Rowson,
     New York University, Chair (2:20 p.m.–4:20 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room

17. Hanaa Kilany, Georgetown University
   Uns in the Qurʾān and Hādith

18. Delia Avila Atmaca, University of Texas at Austin
   The Etiquette of Profanity in ‘Ulayya bint al-Mahdī’s “Zaynab”

19. Clarissa Burt, U.S. Naval Academy
   Rivalry and Patronage in Umayyad Courtly Circles: ʿAdī ibn al-
   Ruqāʾ’s Transactional Poetry
   (Break)

20. Samer M. Ali, University of Texas at Austin
   The Abbasid Literary Salon (Mujalasa) and the Public Sphere of
   Participation

21. Jocelyn Sharlet, University of California, Davis
   Friendship, Gift Exchange, and Slaves: The Literary Expression
   of Material Value and Normative Ethics in Medieval Arabic Cul-
   ture
Friday Afternoon

- **Inversion.**  **Philip Kennedy**, New York University, Chair  
  *(4:20 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)*  **Bluebonnet Room**

22. **Suzanne P. Stetkevych**, Indiana University  
   Adab in the Afterlife: Performance and Performativity in  
   al-Mawardi’s *Risālat al-Ghufran* and Ibn Shuhayd’s *Risālat al-Tawābī wa al-Zawābī*

23. **Emily Jane Selove**, University of California Los Angeles  
   Sponging in a Rotten Age: al-Khaṭīb al-Baghdādī’s Monographic Work on Abusers of Hospitality

**E. Islamic Near East II: Law: Shafi‘i(tes).**  **Joseph Lowry**,  
University of Pennsylvania, Chair *(5:20 p.m.–6:20 p.m.)*  **Bluebonnet Room**

24. **Ahmed El Shamsy**, Harvard University  
   A Textual History of al-Shāfi‘i’s *Kitāb al-Umm* and *Risālah*

25. **David R. Vishanoff**, University of Oklahoma  
   The Paradoxical Hermeneutic of Sunni Jurisprudence: Its Emergence and Triumph from al-Muzanī to Ibn Ḥāzm

26. **R. Kevin Jaques**, Indiana University  
   Competition among Intellectual Elites in 15th Century Damascus:  
   The Case of Najm al-Dīn Ibn Ḥiǧjī, Ibn Kishk, and Ibn Naqīb al-Ashrāf

**F. South and Southeast Asia I.**  **Gary A. Tubb**, Columbia University, Chair *(1:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.)*  **Magnolia Room**

- **Iranian and Indian Religion**

27. **Jarrod L. Whitaker**, Wake Forest University  
   Who Gets to Live Forever in Ancient India? Rethinking *āyus*  
   ("Lifetime") in the *Ṛgveda* and *Atharvaveda* 1.35

28. **Signe Cohen**, University of Missouri-Columbia  
   The White Yajurveda and the Origins of Karma
Friday Afternoon–Evening–Saturday Morning

- **Vedic Language and Linguistics**

29. **Joel Brereton**, University of Texas at Austin
   Toward Understanding hi

30. **Alf Hiltebeitel**, George Washington University
   Vedic and Epic Dhātṛ and Vidhātṛ
   (Break)

31. **Stephanie W. Jamison**, University of California, Los Angeles
   “Women’s Language” in the Rgveda?

32. **G. Guthenberg**, University of Georgia
   Functional Outcomes of Verbal Compounding in the Rgveda

33. **Hans Heinrich Hock**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Multiple Preverb Accentuation in Vedic

34. **Peter M. Scharf**, Brown University
   Vedic Accent: Underlying Versus Surface

**Friday Evening**

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests. Magnolia Room, Gunter Terrace

**Saturday March 17th**

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A. Ancient Near East III: Akkadian Literature.
Gary Beckman, University of Michigan, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom

35. Niek Veldhuis, University of California, Berkeley [withdrawn]
   Semitic Lexicography in the Mid-Third Millennium

36. Daniel Fleming, New York University
   Yale Does Not Assume Penn: A Reading Hypothesis for the Old Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic

37. Sara Milstein, New York University
   An Examination of the Literary Features of the Yale Tablet of the Gilgamesh Epic

38. J. Cale Johnson, University of California, Los Angeles
   The Kennings in Gilgamesh’s Rejection of Inanna and Amorite Cultural Identity

   (Break)

39. John Jacobs, Yale University
   The Structure of the Enûma Eliš

40. Jack M. Sasson, Vanderbilt University
   Another Wrinkle on Old Adapa

41. Jeffrey Cooley, Xavier University
   Erra and Išum and Babylonian Celestial Divination.

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Saturday Morning

B. East Asia I: Chinese Phonology and Paleography. Robert Joe Cutter, Chair (9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.) L. Mahncke Room

42. Crispin Williams, University of Kansas
   A Phonological Study of the Wenxian Covenant Texts

43. David Prager Branner, University of Maryland
   Explaining Character Structure before Shuōwén

44. Adam Smith, University of California Los Angeles
   Paleographic Data for the Reconstruction of Old Chinese Phonology–jia3 “Armor”

45. Richard Van Ness Simmons, Rutgers University
   Comparing Common Northern Wu and Common Southern Jiang-Huai with Common Dialectal Chinese

C. Islamic Near East III: Religion. (9:00 a.m.–11:40 p.m.)
   Bluebonnet Room

   • Qur’anic text. R. Kevin Jaques, Indiana University, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.) Bluebonnet Room

46. James A. Bellamy, University of Michigan
   God the Solid: Emending the Surat al-Ikhlās

47. David S. Powers, Cornell University
   From Nuzi to Medina: Q. 4:12b Revisited

48. Christopher Melchert, Oriental Institute, Oxford
   Oral and Written Transmission in the Generation of Variant Readings (qirāʿāt) of the Qur’ān

   • Relics. Jon McGinnis, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Chair (10:00 a.m.–10:40 a.m.) Bluebonnet Room

49. Travis Zadeh, Harvard University
   From Drops of Blood: Charisma and Political Legitimacy in the Translatio of an ‘Uthmanic Codex

50. Samuel Noble, Yale University
   A Disputation over a Fragment of the True Cross: A Text from the History of Inter-Religious Relations in Medieval Egypt

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Saturday Morning

- **God.** JON McGINNIS, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Chair (11:00 a.m.–11:40 a.m.) Bluebonnet Room

51. ALEXANDER TREIGER, Yale University
   God as Dazzling Light in Early Arabic Philosophy

52. SANDRA TOENIES KEATING, Providence College
   An Early List of the Ṣifāt Allāh in the Writings of a Christian Apologist

**D. Islamic Near East IV: History: Commerce.** DAVID S. POWERS, Cornell University, Chair (11:40 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) Bluebonnet Room

53. MICHAEL BONNER, University of Michigan
   The Arabian “Silent Trade”

54. LEOR HALEVI, Texas A&M University
   Rumi Paper: Christian Impurity vs. Economic Necessity in a Fifteenth-Century Fatwa

**E. South and Southeast Asia II.** STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California, Los Angeles, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Magnolia Room

- **Old Iranian Literature**

55. PRODS OKTOR SKJÆRVØ, Harvard University
   Weaving the Old Avesta

56. YUHAN S.-D. VEIVAINA, Harvard University
   Associative Exegesis in Zoroastrianism: Dēnkard Book 9 and the Kamnamāzā Hāiti (Yasna 46.1–19)

- **Epics and Dharmaśāstra**

57. LUIS GONZÁLEZ-REIMANN, University of California, Berkeley [withdrawn]
   Kalpas in the Mahābhārata

58. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Wisconsin-Madison
   On ātmatusṭī as a Source of Dharma

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Saturday Morning–Afternoon

59. Emily Blanchard West, College of St. Catherine, and Tzvi Abusch, Brandeis University
   The Wild Man and the Courtesan: The Seductions of Rṣyasrṅga in India and Enkidu in Mesopotamia

• Drama and Poetry

60. Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
   Dying on the Stage in the Sanskrit Theatre Tradition

61. Gary A. Tubb, Columbia University
   Yamaka in the Caitanyakandodaraya

Saturday Afternoon

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration and Book Exhibit. Ludwig’s

Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East, IV: Sumerian Literature. Miguel Civil, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Chair (2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom

62. Paul Delnero, University of Pennsylvania
   Memory and Variation in Sumerian Literary Compositions

63. Alhena Gadotti, Cornell University
   The Conceptualization of Rape in Sumerian Literature

64. Nicole Brisch, University of Chicago
   Baba—The Different Lives of a Goddess

B. Ancient Near East V: Special Session: Where have all the tablets gone? Preserving Iraq’s Cultural Heritage in Times of Unrest. Robert K. Englund, University of California, Los Angeles, Chair (3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) Crystal Ballroom

65. Jerrold S. Cooper, The Johns Hopkins University
66. Micah Garen, Photographer, Documentary Filmmaker, and Writer, and Founder of Four Corners Media
67. Steven Garfinkle, Western Washington University
68. Richard L. Zettler, University of Pennsylvania
Saturday Afternoon

C. East Asia II: Chinese Rhetoric, Poetry, and Music. David Prager Branner, University of Maryland, Chair (1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) L. Mahncke Room

69. Anthony E. Clark, University of Alabama

70. Matthew Wells, Eastern Oregon University
   Self and Self-Narrative in Early China

71. Kong Xurong, Kean University
   Yongwu Fu and Intention? A Thematic Study of Fu Xuan’s Yongwu Fu

72. Brigitta Lee, Princeton University
   Emulation as Evaluation: A Study of the Relationship between Ban Jieyu’s “Song Of Lament (Yuan Shi)” and Jiang Yan’s (444–505) Imitation
   (Break)

73. Hongyu Huang, Yale University
   Wu Weiye’s War Poems and the Chinese Tradition of Poetry as Witness to Historical Trauma

74. Y. Edmund Lien, University of Washington
   Why Simple Lines in the “Da Si Yue” Baffle the Best Minds

75. Ding Xiang Warner, Cornell University
   Casting away Hat-pins: Wang Bo’s Poetry from the Shu Years

76. Anna M. Shields, Princeton University
   A Poetic Discussion of Career and Companionship: Linked Verses by the Mid-Tang Poets Han Yu and Meng Jiao
Saturday Afternoon

D. Islamic Near East and South and Southeast Asia Joint Session: Interactions between Sanskritic, Arabic, and Persianate Intellectuals and Artists. Organized by Christopher Minkowski, University of Oxford, and Shawkat M. Toorawa, Cornell University, Chairs (1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) Magnolia Room

77. Kevin van Bladel, University of Southern California
   Barmakid Patronage of Early Translations from Sanskrit into Arabic

78. Kim Plofker, Brown University
   Links between Sanskrit and Muslim science in Jaina astronomical works

79. Supriya Gandhi, Harvard University
   A Study of Dārā Shukhū’s Comparative Method in the Majma al-Bahrāyn

80. Toke Lindegaard Knudsen, Brown University
   The Pārthapura School and Islamic Influence

(Break)

81. Sunil Sharma, Boston University
   Azad Bilgrami’s Translation of Arabic and Sanskrit Poetics into Persian

82. Shawkat M. Toorawa, Cornell University
   Azad Bilgrami (1704–1786), Arabic, and Sanskrit Poetics

83. Christopher Minkowski, University of Oxford
   J. B. Chaudhuri, Muslims, and Sanskrit Learning

84. Matthew C. Smith, Harvard University
   Nationalism and the sabk-i Hindi: The Role of Malik al-Shu’ara Bahar
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95. Tzvi Abusch, Brandeis University
   The Expansion of Babylonian Incantations: A Critical Analysis

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97. Patrick Morgan, University of Michigan
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106. REBECCA R. WILLIAMS, McGill University
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107. DWIGHT F. REYNOLDS, University of California Santa Barbara
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109. AHMED H. AL-RAHIM, Yale University
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110. IKRAM MASMOUDI, Middlebury College
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