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Conference Information

**Meeting Site:** The 219th Meeting of the American Oriental Society will be held Friday, March 13–Monday, March 16, 2009, in Albuquerque, NM. Hotel rooms for participants have been blocked at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Blvd., NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

**Hotel reservations** should be booked by members directly with the hotel. Direct phone: 505-843-6300; Fax: 505-842-8426; Toll Free: 1-800-237-2133 Front Desk. 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 20, 2009 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. Conference rates per night for rooms are $145 single or double; there is no “Executive Level”. Rates are in effect for March 11–15, 2009. The hotel has agreed to offer conference rates up to 3 days after the meeting depending upon availability.

**Online reservations:** To make reservations online, go to: [http://www.hotelabq.com](http://www.hotelabq.com). To calculate the AOS conference rate ($145/night): In the “Book a room:” banner at the top, enter your arrival date and number of nights of your stay, and then enter the code GRPD99 into the “rate code” box.

The Society’s contract with the Hotel Albuquerque 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 Albuquerque is conveniently located off I-40 at Rio Grande and historic Old Town plaza and museum district. It is just 15 minutes from Albuquerque International Sunport ([http://www.cabq.gov/airport/](http://www.cabq.gov/airport/)).


**Conference Meeting Rooms.** All sessions will be held at the Hotel Albuquerque. The Annual Subscription Banquet will take place on Sunday evening, March 15, also at the hotel.
**Registration:** Early registration is on Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Registration Desk is in Alvarado D. 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, 2009, may check in and pickup their prepared meeting packets at the “Pre-Registered Desk”. Pre-registered members who have not yet paid their 2009 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 2009. Non-registered members who have not yet paid their 2009 dues may also do so here.

**Special Events:**

**Reception:** An introductory reception hosted by the AOS will be held on Friday, March 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Pavilion Room. 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 14, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m., in the Fireplace Room.

**Plenary Session.** The Plenary Session, entitled “Sex”, will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., in Alvarado E.

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

**The Annual Subscription Dinner** with associated events has been scheduled for Sunday evening, March 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. 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, 2009, by sending $45.00 to the AOS Office. A limited number of unsold tickets will be available for purchase for $45 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 from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

The Presidential Address, “I have forgotten my burden of former days’: The Forgotten Pasts of Ancient Iraq” will be delivered by Jerrold S. Cooper, following the Annual Subscription Dinner, at approximately 9:00 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend the address.

Book Exhibit and Sale. The Annual Book Exhibit will commence on Friday afternoon, March 14, at 2:00, and continue daily during the meeting. Beginning on Sunday afternoon and continuing through Monday morning March 16, all books exhibited will go on sale. Publishers’ discount sales brochures will also be available with which one may order titles directly from publishers. In addition to the combined publishers book exhibit sponsored by the Scholar’s Choice, several other publishers and vendors, among them Brill Academic Publishers, Eisenbrauns, and CDL 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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The Registration and Book Exhibit area will be closed and locked after 5:00 p.m. each day of the meeting.

Meeting Arrangements Organized by
Bill Sanford of Chatterton Meeting Planners, Hamden, Connecticut
PROGRAM OF THE 219th ANNUAL MEETING

—OUTLINE—

Thursday, March 12th

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

Friday, March 13th

Friday Morning

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

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

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration Alvarado D

Friday Afternoon

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration Alvarado D

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit Alvarado D

Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East I: Ancient Near East I: Language & Linguistics
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Alvarado E

B. Islamic Near East I: Religion: The Making of Muslims: Hadith; Prophets; Genealogy (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

C. Islamic Near East II: Theology: Violence; Sex / Mu’tazila
   (2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) Alvarado F

D. South and Southeast Asia I: Indian Philosophy
   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Alvarado B–C
Friday Evening
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests
Pavilion Room

Saturday, March 14th

Saturday Morning
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Breakfast for Graduate Students and Recent PhD’s (Hosted by the AOS)
Fireplace Room
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Registration Alvarado D
8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Book Exhibit Alvarado D

Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings
A. Ancient Near East II: Mesopotamian Literature
   (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado E
B. East Asia I: Early Chinese Linguistics (9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
   Alvarado A
C. East Asia II: Chinese Writing (10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.) Alvarado A
D. Inner Asia (9:30 a.m.–12:00 a.m.) Alvarado F
E. Islamic Near East III and IV: Religion and Literature in Honor of Wadad Kadi: Rhetorics of Tradition: Authority in Islamic Thought; Generic Borders and Border Crossing: New Readings of Classical Arabic Literature (9:00 a.m.–12:10 p.m.) Alvarado G–H
F. South and Southeast Asia II: Sanskrit Genres: Epic, Kavya, and Purânas (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado B–C

Saturday Afternoon
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Afternoon Registration Alvarado D
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Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings
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   (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Alvarado E
B. Ancient Near East IV: History & Archeology
   (3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) Alvarado E
C. East Asia III: Chinese Poetry (1:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.)
   Alvarado A
D. East Asia IV: Chinese Prose and Notions of “Text”  
(3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Alvarado A*
E. Islamic Near East V: Christian Arabic Literature  
(1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) *Alvarado G–H*
F. Islamic Near East VI: Culture: Tamûkhi / Wealth  
(3:50 p.m.–4:50 p.m.) *Alvarado G–H*
G. South and Southeast Asia III: Special Session: Sanskrit Knowledge Systems (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) *Alvarado B–C*
H. South and Southeast Asia IV: Dharmaśāstra, Rituals, and Modern Sanskrit (3:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Alvarado B–C*

**Sunday, March 15th**

**Sunday Morning**
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Morning Registration *Alvarado D*
8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  Book Exhibit *Alvarado D*

**Sunday Morning Sectional Meetings**
A. Ancient Near East V: Hurrian & Hittite Studies  
(9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) *Alvarado E*
B. Islamic Near East VII: Manuscripts (11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)  
*Alvarado G–H*
C. South and Southeast Asia V: Buddhist Languages and Literature (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Alvarado B–C*

**Sunday Afternoon**
12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  Book Exhibit and Sale *Alvarado D*

**Sunday Afternoon Sectional Meetings**
A. Islamic Near East VIII: Astrology (12:30 p.m.–1:10 p.m.)  
*Alvarado G–H*
B. Islamic Near East IX: Panel in Honor of William (Zev) Brinner (1:20 p.m.–2:40 p.m.)  
*Alvarado G–H*
C. South and Southeast Asia VI: Avesta and Veda (1:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.)  
*Alvarado B–C*

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  Plenary Session: Sex *Alvarado E*
5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  Annual Business Meeting *Alvarado E*
Sunday Evening
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) *North Atrium*
7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner and
9:00 p.m. Presidential Address *Franciscan Room*

Monday, March 16th

Monday Morning
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues *Alvarado D*

**Monday Morning Sectional Meetings**
A. Ancient Near East VI: Law, Economy & Society
   (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) *Alvarado E*
B. Islamic Near East X: Qurān (9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
   *Alvarado G–H*
C. Islamic Near East XI: Poetics (10:20 a.m.–11:20 a.m.)
   *Alvarado G–H*
D. South and Southeast Asia VII: South Asian History,
   Indo-Islamic Art and Theology (9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.)
   *Alvarado B–C*
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Friday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

Rebecca Hasselbach, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago,
Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Alvarado E

1. Na’ama Pat-El, University of Texas at Austin
   On Verbal Negation in Semitic

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Friday Afternoon

2. W. Randall Garr, University of California, Santa Barbara
   The piel and hiphil of יָנָק

3. Bo Isaksson, Uppsala University
   Circumstantial Qualifiers in Biblical Hebrew and Classical Arabic:
   A Comparative Approach

   Apparently Anomalous Sound Change Progression as Cue to Linguistic Engineering: Some Cases in Point from Aramaic

(Break)

5. Christopher Woods, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago
   A Three-Degree System of Spatial Deixis in Sumerian

6. Charles G. Häberl, Rutgers University
   The Demon and the Damsel: A Folktale in Iraqi Neo-Mandaic

7. Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College
   From Lady E. S. Drower’s Scholarly Correspondence

8. Aaron Michael Butts, University of Chicago
   Ethiopic Manuscripts in the Special Collections Library of Duke University

   (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) Alvarado G–H
   • Ḥadīth. David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma, Chair

9. Youshaa Patel, Duke University
   “Whoever Imitates a People Becomes One of Them”: Tracing the Interpretation of a Ḥadīth

10. Christopher Melchert, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
    “God created Adam after his image”
    • Prophets. David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma, Chair

11. R. Kevin Jaques, Indiana University
    Prophet of God and Warrior of God: A Comparative Study of Ibn Ishaq’s Depiction of the Relationship between Muhammad and Ḥamza ibn ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib
Friday Afternoon

12. **SEAN W. ANTHONY**, University of Chicago
   
   (Break)

   - **Genealogy.** STEVEN JUDD, Southern Connecticut State University, Chair

13. **Teresa Bernheimer**, University of Oxford
   The Making of an Islamic Aristocracy: Genealogy, Money, and the Drawing of Boundaries among the ʿAlid Family, 750–1200

14. **Maya Yazigi**, University of British Columbia
   The *Kitāb al-Ansāb* of ʿAbd al-Karīm al-Samʿānī in Context

C. **Islamic Near East II: Theology.** PAUL COBB, University of Pennsylvania, Chair *(2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)* Alvarado F

   - **Violence.**

15. **Abbas Hamdani**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
   Urban Violence at Baghdad in the Rivalry Between the Abbasid and Fatimid Caliphates

16. **Michael Bonner**, University of Michigan
   Ibn Ṭūlūn’s Jihad
   
   (Break)

   - **Sex / Muʿtazila.**

17. **Sara Omar**, Harvard University,
   Treatments of *Liwaṭ* and *Sīhāq* in Medieval Islamic Jurisprudence *(The 10th–14th Centuries A.D.)*

18. **Gabriel Said Reynolds**, University of Notre Dame
   Qāḍī ʿAbd al-Jabbār on the True Religion and Sexual Perversion

19. **Racha El Omari**, University of California, Santa Barbara
   The Baghdādī Muʿtazilite School and the Limits of Muʿtazilite Traditionalism

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D. South and Southeast Asia I. Indian Philosophy. Stephanie W. Jamison, University of California, Los Angeles, Chair (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m) Alvarado B–C

20. Toke Lindegaard Knudsen, State University of New York College, Oneonta
   Verifying the Knowledge of the Sages
21. James Kimball, University of London
   Āptavacana and the Knowledge of Rṣis in the Yuktidipikā
22. John Taber, University of New Mexico
   The Road Not Taken in Indian Epistemology
23. Elliot M. Stern, University of Pennsylvania
   Once Again on Vācaspati’s Dates
   (Break)
24. Steven Lindquist, Southern Methodist University
   Rhetorical Strategies in the Yājñavalkyakāṇḍa
25. Ashok Aklujkar, University of British Columbia
   Unity of the Mīmāṃsāsā
26. Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
   The Brahman and the Word Principle (Śabda): Influence of the Philosophy of Bhartṛhari on Maṇḍana’s Brahmasiddhi
27. Robert A. Gooding, University of Tennessee
   Yoga as the Sustained Remembrance of the Self in Advaita Vedānta

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A. Ancient Near East II: Mesopotamian Literature.
MIGUEL CIVIL, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado D

28. PAUL DELNERO, Johns Hopkins University
   The Uruk I Dynasty and the Sumerian Literary Tradition

29. DANIEL E. FLEMING, New York University
   i3-a lum-lum: A Homeless Hymn to Gilgamesh in Three Sumerian Settings

30. ALHENA GADOTTI, Cornell University
   Presence in Absentia: Portraits of the Feminine in Sumerian Literature

31. ALEXANDRA KLEINERMAN, The Johns Hopkins University
   Content, Compilation and Curriculum: The Nature of a Babylonian Epistolary Miscellany

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Saturday Morning

32. KAREN SONIK, University of Pennsylvania
   Metamorphosis: The Boundaries of Being in Mesopotamian Literature

33. STEVE TINNEY, University of Pennsylvania
   Triaging the Old Babylonian Liturgical Corpus

34. SARA J. MILSTEIN, New York University
   Old Babylonian Tablet I = Standard Babylonian Tablet I?:
   Reevaluating the Logic of the SB Gilgamesh Epic

35. ALAN LENZI, University of the Pacific
   Scribal Play in the Twelve Gates of *Ludlul* IV

B. East Asia I: Early Chinese Linguistics. DAVID PRAGER BRANNER, American Oriental Society, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.) Alvarado A

36. CHRISTOPHER T. J. BUTTON, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
   Northern Chin Verbal Alternations and the Old Chinese *-s Suffix

37. MARCO CABOARA, University of Washington.
   The Multiple Usages of the Particle *yê* in the Guodian Manuscripts and Functionally Related Constructions

C. East Asia II: Chinese Writing. DAVID B. HONEY, Brigham Young University, Chair (10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.) Alvarado A

38. RICHARD VANNES SIMMONS, Rutgers University
   Romanizations of the Shânghâi Dialect—What Works for Learners?

39. PETER T. DANIELS, Jersey City, New Jersey
   Peter Stephen DuPonceau and the Typology of Writing Systems: His *Dissertation on the Nature and Character of the Chinese System of Writing*

40. DAVID PRAGER BRANNER, American Oriental Society.
    Portmanteau Characters in Chinese
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D. Inner Asia. Ron Sela, Indiana University, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado F

41. Jason D. BeDuhn, Northern Arizona University
Mani between Zoroastrians and Buddhists: New Insights from the Coptic Kephalaia of the Wisdom of My Lord Mani

42. Zsuzsanna Gulacsi, Northern Arizona University
Mani’s Ever-changing Picture-Book: The Transformation of Manichaean Didactic Images across the Asian Continent

43. Robert J. Haug, University of Michigan
Overland Trade between Central Asia and China in the 3rd–4th/9th–10th Centuries: The Question of Evidence
(Break)

44. Ron Sela, Indiana University
The Conversion to Islam of the Qarakhanids in the 10th Century according to Jamāl Qarshi’s Mulḥaqāt al-ṣurāḥ

45. Alireza Korangy Isfahani, University of Virginia
Checkmate! Gammon! Analogous Images of Chess, Backgammon, and the Celestial Sphere (falak) in the Poetry of Khaqani Shirvani


• III. Rhetorics of Tradition: Authority in Islamic Thought.
Wen-chin Ouyang, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.)

46. Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto

47. Scott C. Lucas, University of Arizona
al-Ḥākim al-Naysābūrī and the Companions of the Prophet: An Original Sunni Voice in the Shi‘i Century
Saturday Morning

48. JONATHAN BROWN, University of Washington
   A Man for All Seasons: Ibn ‘Uqda and Transcending the Sunni/Shiite Divine of the Fourth/Tenth Century

49. KENNETH GARDEN, Tufts University
   Invocation of the Mujaddid Hadith in Islamic Thought.

• IV. Generic Borders and Border Crossing: New Readings of Classical Arabic Literature. STEFAN WILD, University of Bonn, Chair (10:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

50. WOLFHART HEINRICHES, Harvard University
   Modes of Existence of Poetry in the Arabian Nights

51. LI GUO, University of Notre Dame
   Ibn Dāniyāl’s “Other” Dīwān: In Light of a Newly Discovered Manuscript

52. MAURICE A. POMERantz, University of Chicago
   Broken Friendships and Severed Ties: Satirical Epistles in Akhlāq al-Wazīrayn of Abū Hayyān al-Tawhīdī

53. WEN-CHIN OUyang, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
   Literature and Thought: A Re-reading of al-Tawhīdī’s Transcription of the Debate between Grammar and Logic

F. South and Southeast Asia II: Sanskrit Genres: Epic, Kāvya, and Purāṇas. RICHARD SALOMON, University of Washington, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado B–C

54. ALF HILTEBEITEL, George Washington University
   Why itihāsa? New Possibilities and Limits in Considering the Mahābhārata as History

55. EDELTRAUD HARZER, University of Texas at Austin
   Agency of the Illegitimate Sons in the Mahābhārata

56. LUIS GONZÁLEZ-REIMANN, University of California, Berkeley
   Don’t Confuse Me with Logic: Reactions to Criticism from Buddhists and Others in the Sanskrit Epics

57. TRACY COLEMAN, Colorado College
   Ascetics, Lovers, and Models of dharma: The Buddha and Krishna in Sanskrit kāvya
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58. DAVID MELLINS, Yale University
Aśvaghoṣa and the Question of a Buddhist Literary Æsthetic

59. VIDYUT AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia
Flights of Fancy: The Concept of Puṣpaka Vimaṇa in Ānanda-rāmāyaṇa

60. LUTHER OBROCK, University of California, Berkeley
‘Only One Rasa’: Bhavabhūti’s Æsthetics and the Commentarial Tradition

61. BENJAMIN FLEMING, University of Pennsylvania
Śarabha and Narasimha: Redaction and Transmission in the Śiva Purāṇa Tradition

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Tzvi Abusch, Brandeis University, Chair (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Alvarado E

62. JOHN A. LYNCH, University of California, Los Angeles
Descending to the Underworld: Mesopotamian Burial Practices Through a Literary Lens

63. BENJAMIN D. THOMAS, University of Chicago
Who was Rašāp-Gunu?: A Reanalysis of Evidence from Ebla and Ugarit

64. HAROLD TORGER VEDELER, Southern Connecticut State University
The Emergence of National God Theology in the Ancient Near East

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Saturday Afternoon

65. JACOB LAUINGER, Roanoke College
   The Curricular Setting of an Akkadian Prayer from Old Babylonian Ur (UET 6 402)

66. NIEK VELDHUIS, University of California, Berkeley
   Theory and Practice: Neo-Assyrian Celestial Divination

B. Ancient Near East IV: History & Archaeology
PIOTR MICHALOWSKI, University of Michigan, Chair
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67. GLENN M. SCHWARTZ, Johns Hopkins University
   Excavations at Umm el-Marra, Syria: 2006–2008 Results

68. DOUGLAS FRAYNE, University of Toronto
   Ancient Aratta, and How to Get There

69. STEVEN GARFINKLE, Western Washington University
   War in Late Third Millennium BC Mesopotamia, What Was It Good For?

70. TONIA SHARLACH, Oklahoma State University
   The Persona of King Ibbi-Sin
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71. MAYNARD P. MAIDMAN, York University
   Snapshots of the Arrapha-Assyria War

72. FABRICE DE BACKER, CNRS/Université Catholique de Louvain
   A Neo-Assyrian Period Breast Plate

73. HERBERT B. HUFFMON, Drew University
   The Narrative Rhetoric of the Portrayal of Women in the Neo-Assyrian War Reliefs
Saturday Afternoon

C. East Asia III: Chinese Poetry. Matthias L. Richter, University of Colorado at Boulder, Chair (1:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.) Alvarado A

74. Paul W. Kroll, University of Colorado and Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton)
   “Irregular” Form and Prosody in High Tang Verse
75. Nicholas M. Williams, University of Washington.
   Jiang Yan’s Poetics of Imitation
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77. Jinghua Wangling, Harvard University.
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78. Huicong Zhang, Harvard University.
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D. East Asia IV: Chinese Prose and Notions of “Text”
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80. Matthias L. Richter, University of Colorado at Boulder.
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E. Islamic Near East V: Christian Arabic Literature. Organized by Alexander Treiger. Sidney H. Griffith, Catholic University, Chair (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

82. Alexander Treiger, Dalhousie University
   Ethical Ascent and Divine Vision in Pseudo-Gregory of Nyssa’s The Noetic Paradise (al-Firdaws al-Aqli)

83. Samuel Noble, Yale University
   Arab Christian Theologians against the Notion of God as Pure Being

84. Krisztina Szilágyi, Princeton University
   A Prophet like Jesus? Muslims and Christians Debate Muhammad’s Death

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85. David Bertaina, University of Illinois at Springfield
   Shiite Textual Memory: Two Conversations between Imam al-Ridâ and Arab Christians

86. Paul E. Walker, University of Chicago
   Al-Ḥakim and the Christians

F. Islamic Near East VI: Culture: Tanûkhî / Wealth. Beatrice Gruendler, Yale University, Chair (3:50 p.m.–4:50 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

87. Bruce Fudge, Ohio State University
   Al-Tanûkhî and the Recovery of Health and Wealth

88. Jocelyn Sharlet, University of California, Davis
   The Pleasure of Possessions in Medieval Arabic Prosimetrical Compilations

89. Khaled Keshk, DePaul University
   Mâl Allâh or Mâl al-Muslimîn: Whose Money Is It and Does It Really Matter?
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G. South and Southeast Asia III: Special Session: Sanskrit Knowledge Systems. Organized by CHRISTOPHER MINKOWSKI, University of Oxford, Chair 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Alvarado B–C

90. YIGAL BRONNER, University of Chicago
   Appaya, Bhaṭṭoji, Jagannātha: Anecdotes of Encounters and Their Lessons

91. MADHAV DESHPANDE, University of Michigan
   Appaya Dīksita and the Lineage of Bhaṭṭoji Dīksita

92. LAWRENCE MCCREA, Cornell University
   Appaya Dīksita’s Invention of Śrīkanṭha’s Vedānta

93. CHRISTOPHER MINKOWSKI, University of Oxford
   Nīlakanṭha and the Vedāntic ‘Scene’ in Banaras

H. South and Southeast Asia IV: Dharmaśāstra, Rituals, and Modern Sanskrit. ASHOK AKLUJKAR, University of British Columbia, Chair 3:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Alvarado B–C

94. MARK MCCLISH, The University of Texas at Austin
   Brahmical Exceptionalism in the South Asian Legal Tradition

95. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Wisconsin-Madison
   Remarks on Vyavahāra in Hindu Law

96. DAVID BRICK, The University of Texas at Austin
   The Dharmaśastric Debate on Widow-Burning

   (Break)

97. FREDERICK SMITH, University of Iowa
   Sattvāvajaya and Ritual Possession in India

98. URMILA PATIL, University of Texas at Austin
   What’s in a Name? Caste Designations and the Identity of Brahman Communities in Western India from the Seventeenth through the Nineteenth Centuries

99. REBECCA MANRING, Indiana University-Bloomington
   Sanskrit and Western Popular Media
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Sunday Morning

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8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Book Exhibit. Alvarado D

Sunday Morning Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East V: Hurrian & Hittite Studies. Gernot Wilhelm, Universität Würzburg, Chair (9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) Alvarado E

100. Mary Bachvarova, Willamette University
    Gilgamesh in Hittite Rituals
101. Gary Beckman, University of Michigan
    Šamaš in Hatti
102. Dennis R.M. Campbell, University of Chicago/Columbia College
    And the Scribe Makes the Word Great: Observations on a Hurrian Prayer
103. H. Craig Melchert, University of California, Los Angeles
    “Clitic-Doubling” in Hurro-Hittite Translation Literature
    (Break)
104. Eva von Dassow, University of Minnesota
    KBo 32, 214 and the Narrative Sequence of the “Song of Liberation”
105. Calvert Watkins, University of California, Los Angeles
    An Indo-European Stylistic Figure in Hittite
106. Andrew Byrd, University of California, Los Angeles
    Deriving Dreams from the Divine: Hittite teshā-/zash(a)i-
107. Gernot Wilhelm, Universität Würzburg
    KBo 32.13: Teshub’s Descent to the Netherworld
Sunday Morning

B. Islamic Near East VII: Manuscripts. SUMAIYA HAMDANI, George Mason University, Chair (11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

108. DAVID HOLLENBERG, James Madison University
   A Descriptive Analysis of the Manuscripts in Forty Private Libraries of Northern Yemen

109. CÉCILE BONMARIAGE, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique
   Two Years Cataloging Islamic Manuscripts at Princeton University: Results and Prospects.

C. South and Southeast Asia V: Buddhist Languages and Literature. LUIS GONZÁLEZ-REIMANN, University of California, Berkeley, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado B–C

110. OSKAR VON HINÜBER, Universität Freiburg
   When There Were no Monasteries: Delving into the Earliest Period of Buddhist Literature

111. CHARLES S. PREBISH, University of Utah
   Prātimokṣa Expansion and the Rise of Buddhist Sectarianism

112. STEFAN BAUMS, University of Washington
   Mastery and Majesty: Pali visavītā, Gāndhārī vṛsavīda, Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit vṛṣabhītā

113. RICHARD SALOMON, University of Washington
   Mahāyāna Literature in Gāndhārī

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114. KAREN MULDOON-HULES, University of California, Los Angeles
   The Kaccāṅgala Avadāna

115. AMY PARIS LANGENBERG, Brown University
   Was the Saṅgha for Choice? Child Protection, Monasticism, and Ambivalence in Ancient Buddhist India

116. KAREN LANG, University of Virginia
   In Defense of Beautiful Monasteries and Comfortable Living

117. JAMES APPLE, University of Calgary
   The Early Development of Tibetan Abhisamayālaṃkāra Literature in the Light of Newly Uncovered bKa’ gdam pa’ works

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A. Islamic Near East VIII: Astrology. Jon McGinnis, Washington University in St Louis, Chair (12:30 p.m.–1:10 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

118. Kevin van Bladel, University of Southern California / Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (NYU)
   The Arabic History of Science of Abū Sahl ibn Nawbakht (ca. 785) and Its Ancient Iranian Sources

119. Robert Morrison, Bowdoin College
   Astrology and Early Kalām

B. Islamic Near East IX: Panel in Honor of William (Zev) Brinner on the Occasion of his 85th Birthday. Organized by Jacob Lassner, Northwestern University, Chair (1:20 p.m.–2:40 p.m.) Alvarado G–H

120. Ailin Qian, University of Pennsylvania
   The Glass Floor and Qurān 27:44

121. Mark S. Wagner, Louisiana State University
   Pre-emption (shufah) and Inter-faith Relations: A Legal Drama from 1920s–1930s Yemen

122. Marion Holmes Katz, New York University
   The “Shearing of the Forelock” as a Rite of Penitence

123. Sidney H. Griffith, Institute of Christian Oriental Research, The Catholic University of America
   Ibn al-Maḥrūma’s Notes on Ibn Kammūna’s Examination of the Three Religions: Jewish/Christian Controversy in the Islamic Milieu
Sunday Afternoon

C. South and Southeast Asia VI: Avesta and Veda. Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University, Chair (1:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.) Alvarado B–C

124. JEAN KELLENS, Collège de France
   The Difficult Word “anarθe” in Avestan Yasna 65.9

125. STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California, Los Angeles
   Poetic Self-Reference in the Ṛgveda and the Persona of Zarathustra

126. GEORGE CARDONA, University of Pennsylvania
   Śākalya’s Segmentation Procedure for the Ṛgveda padapāṭha

127. THENNILAPURAM MAHADEVAN, American University
   Toward a Reassessment of the Indexical Systems of the Ṛgveda

128. PERIANNAN CHANDRASEKARAN, Norcross, Georgia
   Vedic Foreign Words and The Structure of Archaic Dravidian Compounds

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Sex.
   STEPHANIE W. JAMISON, University of California Los Angeles, Chair Alvarado E

129. GARY TUBB, University of Chicago
   South and Southeast Asia: Great Sex: Love, God, and the Love God in Sanskrit Literature

130. YUMING HE, University of Chicago
   East Asia: Happy Endings in Late-Ming Texts

131. JOHAN ELVERSKOG, Southern Methodist University
   Inner Asia: Monks and Sex in Mongolia

132. MARTTI NISSINEN, University of Helsinki and Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton)
   Ancient Near East: Are There Homosexuals in Mesopotamian Literature?

133. EVERETT ROWSON, New York University
   Islamic Near East: Why Talk about Sex? Or Why Not?

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting. (All members are encouraged to attend.) Alvarado E
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Sunday Evening

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar) North Atrium

7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Annual Subscription Dinner. Franciscan Room

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

• JERROLD S. COOPER, Johns Hopkins University
  “I have forgotten my burden of former days”: The Forgotten Pasts of Ancient Iraq

Monday, March 16th

Monday Morning

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Book Sale Continues. Alvarado D

Monday Morning Sectional Meetings

A. Ancient Near East VI: Law, Economy & Society. GARY BECKMAN, University of Michigan, Chair (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) Alvarado E

134. LANCE ALLRED, Cornell University
  The Ancient Mesopotamian ‘Tavern’

135. DAVID OWEN, Cornell University
  “The Royal Messengers of Iri-Sağrig/Âl-Šarrâki”

136. SETH RICHARDSON, The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago
  Going Down Slow: Again On Assyrian Trade at OB Sippar

  (Break)
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137. **John Nielsen**, Loyola University
    Changing Family Names at Babylon and Borsippa

138. **Jonathan S. Tenney**, University of Chicago
    Runaways, Bounty Hunters, and Prisons: Aspects of Flight and Recapture among the Servile Population of Nippur in the Fourteenth and Thirteenth Centuries B.C.

139. **Andrew D. Gross**, The Catholic University of America
    Orientation and Perspective in Ancient Near East Law

140. **Annalisa Azzoni**, Vanderbilt University and **Matthew W. Stolper**, University of Chicago
    The Aramaic Epigraph *ns(y)h* on Persepolis Fortification Elamite Tablets

**B. Islamic Near East X: Qurʾan.** Joseph Lowry, University of Pennsylvania, Chair *(9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)* Alvarado G–H

141. **Shady Hekmat Nasser**, Harvard University
    Variant Readings of the Qurʾān and *Tawātur*

142. **Karen Bauer**, Institute of Ismaili Studies
    The Audience for Qurʾān Commentaries

143. **Todd Lawson**, University of Toronto
    The Qurʾān and Paradise: Apocalyptic Substrate III

**C. Islamic Near East XI: Poetics.** Shawkat M. Toorawa, Cornell University, Chair *(10:20 a.m.–11:20 a.m.)* Alvarado G–H

144. **Beatrice Gruendler**, Yale University
    Attitudes to Abbasid Poetry in Its Written Form

145. **Jordi Ferrer i Serra**, University of Lund
    ‘Do Not Go Far Away’: A Literary Perspective on the Formula *lā tabrād* in the Early Arabic Threnody

146. **Majd al-Mallah**, Grand Valley State University
    Tamīm b. al-Muwizz and the Formation of Fatimid Poetics
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D. South and Southeast Asia VII: South Asian History, Indo-Islamic Art, and Theology. Christopher Minkowski, University of Oxford, Chair (9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.)

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147. Jason Neelis, University of Florida
   Saka Religious and Literary Patronage Networks in Early South Asian History

148. Nachiket Chanchani, University of Pennsylvania
   Armies of Prayer and Removers of Darkness: Some Reflections on Early Mughal Painting

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