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## Conference Information

**Meeting Site:** The 219<sup>th</sup> 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>. 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/>).

For driving directions, refer to the hotel’s website: [http://www.hhandr.com/albuquerque\\_maps.php](http://www.hhandr.com/albuquerque_maps.php).

**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 Past 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.

#### **Registration and Book Exhibit Hours**

	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Book Exhibit</b>
• Friday morning:	9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	
• Friday afternoon:	1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
• Saturday morning:	8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
• Saturday afternoon:	1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
• Sunday morning:	8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
• Sunday afternoon:		12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
• Monday morning:		9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Registration and Book Exhibit area will be closed and locked after 5:00 p.m. each day of the meeting.

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Meeting Arrangements Organized by  
Bill Sanford of Chatterton Meeting Planners, Hamden, Connecticut



# PROGRAM OF THE 219<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

## —OUTLINE—

### Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

#### 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: Ḥadīth;  
Prophets; Genealogy (2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Alvarado G–H*
- C. Islamic Near East II: Theology: Violence; Sex / Muṭazila  
(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 14<sup>th</sup>

#### 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, Kāvya, and  
Purāṇas (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*

12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit

#### Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings

- A. Ancient Near East III: Mesopotamian Religion & Magic  
(1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) *Alvarado E*
- B. Ancient Near East IV: History & Archæology  
(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: Tanūkhī / 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 15<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup>**

**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: Qurʾān (9:00 a.m.–10:0 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, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday Morning

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**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: Language & Linguistics.**

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

*Friday Afternoon*

2. W. RANDALL GARR, University of California, Santa Barbara  
The *piel* and *hiphil* of פֿ״בא
3. BO ISAKSSON, Uppsala University  
Circumstantial Qualifiers in Biblical Hebrew and Classical Arabic:  
A Comparative Approach
4. JOSEPH L. MALONE, Barnard College, Columbia University  
Apparently Anomalous Sound Change Progression as Cue to Lin-  
guistic 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

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

- **Ḥadīth.** DAVID VISHANOFF, University of Oklahoma, Chair
9. YOUSHA 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 Iṣḥāq’s Depiction of the Relationship between Muḥammad  
and Ḥamza ibn ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib

*Friday Afternoon*

12. SEAN W. ANTHONY, University of Chicago  
The Prophecy and Passion of al-Ḥārīt b. Saʿīd: Narrating a Syrian Revolt from the Caliphate of ʿAbd al-Malik b. Marwān  
*(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 *Liwāṭ* and *Siḥāq* in Medieval Islamic Jurisprudence (The 10<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> 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

*Friday Afternoon–Evening*

**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 Ṛṣis in the *Yuktidīpikā*

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 Mīmāṃsā

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

**Friday Evening**

**6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception for Members and Guests.** *Pavilion Room*

*Saturday Morning*

**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Morning**

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**Saturday Morning Sectional Meetings**

**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  
i<sub>3</sub>-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  
  
(*Break*)

*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 *yě* 也 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 VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University  
Romanizations of the Shànghǎi 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



*Saturday Morning*

**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 Manichæan Didactic Images across the Asian Continent
43. ROBERT J. HAUG, University of Michigan  
Overland Trade between Central Asia and China in the 3<sup>rd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> Centuries: The Question of Evidence

*(Break)*

44. RON SELA, Indiana University  
The Conversion to Islam of the Qarakhanids in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century according to Jamāl Qarshī'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

**E. Islamic Near East III and IV: Religion and Literature.** In Honor of Wadad Kadi. Organized by JONATHAN BROWN and WEN-CHIN OUYANG (9:00 a.m.–12:10 p.m.) *Alvarado G–H*

- **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  
Ibn Abī Zayd al-Qayrāwānī's "The Rules of Judging" —Islamic Procedural Law in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Maghrib
47. SCOTT C. LUCAS, University of Arizona  
al-Ḥākīm 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 HEINRICHS, 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 Ḥayyān al-Tawḥīdī
53. WEN-CHIN OUYANG, School of Oriental and African Studies, Uni-  
versity of London  
Literature and Thought: A Re-reading of al-Tawḥīdī’s Transcrip-  
tion of the Debate between Grammar and Logic
- F. South and Southeast Asia II: Sanskrit Genres: Epic,  
Kāvya, and Purāṇas.** RICHARD SALOMON, University of Wash-  
ington, 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 Bud-  
dhists and Others in the Sanskrit Epics
57. TRACY COLEMAN, Colorado College  
Ascetics, Lovers, and Models of *dharma*: The Buddha and Kr-  
ishna in Sanskrit *kāvya*

*Saturday Morning–Afternoon*

*(Break)*

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 Vimāna 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 Narasiṃha: Redaction and Transmission in the Śiva  
    Purāṇa Tradition

**Saturday Afternoon**

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

**12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit.** *Alvarado D*

**Saturday Afternoon Sectional Meetings**

**A. Ancient Near East III: Mesopotamian Religion & Magic.**  
TZVI ABUSCH, Brandeis University, Chair (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)  
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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 *Rašap-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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65. JACOB LAUNGER, 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 & Archæology**

PIOTR MICHALOWSKI, University of Michigan, Chair  
(3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.) *Alvarado E*

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  
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70. TONIA SHARLACH, Oklahoma State University  
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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

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**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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76. JIANJUN HE, University of Redlands.

The Cloudy Qinling Mountains: Mystery and History of Han Yu’s Poem *Zuo qian zhi Langguan shi zhisun Xiang*

77. JINGHUA WANGLING, Harvard University.

To Be a *Fengliu* Poet in Ninth-Century China

78. HUICONG ZHANG, Harvard University.

Sharing an Experience through Writing: Yang Weizhen and “Xihu zhuzhi ji”

**D. East Asia IV: Chinese Prose and Notions of “Text”**  
RICHARD VANNESS SIMMONS, Rutgers University, Chair (3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) *Alvarado A*

79. DAVID B. HONEY, Brigham Young University.

Some Ritual Aspects of Confucius as Classicist. Part Two: The Written Commentary

80. MATTHIAS L. RICHTER, University of Colorado at Boulder.

“Heaven Follows Man” —Representations and Transformations of a Didactic Military Text in Early Chinese Literature

81. JING WANG, Carnegie Mellon University.

From the Oral Tradition to an Elite Text—A Case Study of Shen Jiji’s “The Tale of Lady Ren”

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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  
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83. SAMUEL NOBLE, Yale University  
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86. PAUL E. WALKER, University of Chicago  
Al-Ḥākim and the Christians

**F. Islamic Near East VI: Culture: Tanūkhī / Wealth.** BEATRICE GRUENDLER, Yale University, Chair (3:50 p.m.–4:50 p.m.) *Alvarado G–H*

87. BRUCE FUDGE, Ohio State University  
Al-Tanūkhī 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  
*Māl Allāh* or *Māl al-Muslimīn*: Whose Money Is It and Does It Really Matter?

*Saturday Afternoon*

**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 Dīkṣita and the Lineage of Bhaṭṭoji Dīkṣita
92. LAWRENCE MCCREA, Cornell University  
Appaya Dīkṣita's Invention of Śrīkaṇṭha's Vedānta
93. CHRISTOPHER MINKOWSKI, University of Oxford  
Nīlakaṇṭha and the Vedāntic 'Scene' in Banaras

**H. South and Southeast Asia IV: Dharmasāstra, 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  
Brahmanical Exceptionalism in the South Asian Legal Tradition
95. DONALD R. DAVIS, JR., University of Wisconsin-Madison  
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96. DAVID BRICK, The University of Texas at Austin  
The Dharmasāstric Debate on Widow-Burning  
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*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  
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*Sunday Morning*

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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.** 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  
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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 *tesha-/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 *visavitā*, Gāndhārī *vriṣavida*, Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit *vṛṣabhitā*
113. RICHARD SALOMON, University of Washington  
Mahāyāna Literature in Gāndhārī  
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114. KAREN MULDOON-HULES, University of California, Los Angeles  
The Kacaṅgala 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 *Abhisamayālaṅkāra* Literature in the Light of Newly Uncovered bKa' gdams pa works

*Sunday Afternoon*

**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.** 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 Qurʾān 27:44

121. MARK S. WAGNER, Louisiana State University

Pre-emption (*shuḥʿah*) 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 “*anarəθe*” 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
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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*

*Sunday Evening–Monday Morning*

**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 Past of Ancient Iraq

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**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-Saĝrig/*Āl-Šarrākī*”
136. SETH RICHARDSON, The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago  
Going Down Slow: Again On Assyrian Trade at OB Sippar  
(*Break*)

*Monday Morning*

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 tabʿad* in the Early Arabic Threnody
146. MAJD AL-MALLAH, Grand Valley State University  
Tamīm b. al-Muʿizz and the Formation of Fatimid Poetics

*Monday Morning*

**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.)

*Alvarado B–C*

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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