

# American Oriental Society

Western Branch  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2017 meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will be hosted by Arizona State University on October 19-21. **All members** of the AOS are cordially invited, and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, to organize panels, and to present papers.\* Please send by **July 10th** a title and abstract for a proposed paper. Successful applicants to the conference will be notified by the end of July, at which point registration and payment must be sent in, no later than **August 9th**. If you don't wish to present a paper, please send in your registration and payment by **September 4th**.

Abstracts and registrations forms should be sent to:

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Accepted papers will be given between 15-20 minutes for presentation. Final programs will be e-mailed to participants at the end of September. Sessions will be held beginning Thursday afternoon, October 19, and continue through Friday and Saturday, October 20-21.

**MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:** Sessions will be held in the [Alumni Lounge and the Gold and Mohave rooms](#) of the [Memorial Union](#) of ASU Tempe campus, 301 E. Orange St., Tempe, AZ.

**GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD:** In order to encourage graduate students to engage in the activities of the Western Branch, the society in 2015 created the "Graduate Student Travel Award of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch." This year, two awards will again be offered to subvent travel expenses to attend the Western Branch meeting up to a sum of \$500. Awardees will also be honored by special recognition during the conference and on the society's website. The number of awards in future years will depend on the amount of donations made for this purpose.

Graduate students who intend to apply for the award should indicate this when they send in their abstract (no later than **July 10th**). All applications to the Graduate Student Award will be anonymously reviewed by members of the Executive Committee of the Western Branch.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Arrangements have been made with the [Graduate Tempe](#) for a special conference rate of **\$139/night** for either a Standard Queen/Queen Guestroom or Garden View King Guestroom (plus taxes and fees). There are a limited number of rooms and you are encouraged to make your reservations earlier rather than later. Reservations can be made online by following [this link](#) or by calling 480-967-9431. If making reservations by phone, please make sure to mention that you are coming for the American Oriental Society Western Branch meeting in order to obtain the conference rate. The special rate will be available until **September 15th**, after which reservations will be on a space and rate availability basis only.

For those who would might need or prefer to find other accommodations, other nearby hotels include the [Residence Inn Tempe Downtown \(Marriott\)](#), [Tempe Mission Palms](#), and [Moxy Tempe](#).

**TRAVEL:** Out-of-town participants can fly to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The hotel shuttle runs an airport shuttle on the hour, every hour. For airport arrivals guests need to call the front desk (480-967-9431) and inform the front desk what airline they are coming in on – the front desk will then direct them to the pickup location. There are also several shuttle and taxi services from the airport, as well as Uber and Lyft. The airport is quite near the campus and the hotel. For departures, guests need to schedule their time with the front desk in advance – again all runs are on the hour.

If you plan to drive to the conference you can get the address of the Graduate Tempe and a map of its location [here](#). Self-parking is available at the hotel for \$6 per night parking fee.

**RECEPTION AND BANQUET:** A reception will be held on Friday night from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Tapacubo Rooftop Terrace of the Graduate Tempe hotel.

The **annual meeting banquet** will be held on Saturday evening at the Carson Ballroom of [Old Main](#), 400 East Tyler Mall, Tempe, AZ 85287. Following the banquet we will be pleased to be addressed by Dr. Stephen Wadley, outgoing president of the Western Branch. **All participants are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet and hear the presidential address.**

**WEATHER:** Late October is quite comfortable in Tempe, with average daily temperatures ranging from high 50s to high 80s F. Most days are clear with little to no cloud cover, and precipitation, while possible, is unlikely. I would suggest checking the weather forecast immediately prior to your arrival but for the most part be prepared for comfortable, beautiful, Arizona fall weather.

**\*YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT A PAPER AT THE CONFERENCE.** Membership information is available in all issues of the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* and at the American Oriental Society website: <https://www.americanorientalsociety.org/>.