

# American Oriental Society

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WESTERN BRANCH 2018 ANNUAL MEETING October 19-20, 2018 Stanford University

### Paper Proposal Submission Deadline: July 1, 2018

The 2018 meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will be hosted by Stanford University on October 19-20. **All members** of the AOS are cordially invited, and enthusiastically encouraged to attend and to present papers.\* **Please send by July 1st a title and one-page abstract of a proposed paper.** Abstracts will be evaluated for the command they show of the chosen topic, methodological rigor and originality, and the potential contribution of the research to the field. Successful applicants to the conference will be notified by mid August, at which point registration and payment should be sent in. All registrations and payments, for paper presenters and attendees who do not wish to present a paper, **must be received by September 1st.**

Paper proposals, Registrations forms, and Registration fee payments 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 all day Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20.

**MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:** Sessions will be held meeting rooms in the East Asia Library, in the Lathrop Library building (just east of The Oval on Palm Drive).

**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 1st**). 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 **Cardinal Hotel** in Old Town, Palo Alto. Room rates are \$192/night for a Standard Queen; \$129/night for Queen Shared Bath; \$232/night for Standard 2 Doubles; \$212/night for Standard King; and \$223/night for Deluxe King. These rates are exclusive of tax. To help defray some of the hotel cost, Stanford will contribute \$150 toward the total hotel bill for each room reservation (one such payment per room, not per person or per night). This offset, which will be deducted from each total bill at time of checkout, will be available for either two-night or three-night reservations. A block of 30 rooms, divided among the various room types, has been set aside for the Western Branch meeting (starting October 18 for 3 nights). **These rooms will be held only until September 18th**, after which time the rooms will be released and the daily cost will go up. To make a reservation, please use this following link and select your room:

[https://res.windsurferers.com/bbe/page2.aspx?pcode=GEM\\_581&propertyid=14212&nights=3&checkin=10/18/2018&group=AOSWBconf](https://res.windsurferers.com/bbe/page2.aspx?pcode=GEM_581&propertyid=14212&nights=3&checkin=10/18/2018&group=AOSWBconf)

The Cardinal Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Palo Alto and surrounded by numerous shops, restaurants, etc. On weekdays, participants can take Stanford's free Marguerite Shuttle from the nearby Palo Alto Caltrain Station to the campus, take Line P (or Line N at night). On Saturday the Marguerite does not run. We will have cars available in the morning for those who prefer to ride rather than make the 25-30 minute walk from the hotel to the meeting site.

Lower cost hotel accommodations may be available elsewhere, but probably not in Palo Alto. Those who will have cars might search on-line for lower cost accommodations in Redwood City (to the north) or Mountain View (south). Parking on the Stanford campus on Friday will require the purchase of a visitor parking permit. No permit is necessary for Saturday parking.

**TRAVEL FROM AIRPORTS:** From San Francisco International Airport. The recommended method of transportation from San Francisco Airport to the Cardinal hotel is BART/Caltrain, which should take an hour or so. Upon your arrival in the airport, take the AirTrain to the Garage G/BART stop. Purchase a one-way BART ticket. Take BART to the Millbrae Station. (Before 8 pm on weekdays, BART does not go directly to Millbrae. You must take BART to the San Bruno Station, then walk across the platform and take the next southbound BART train to Millbrae.) At Millbrae, you change from BART to Caltrain. Go up the stairway to cross the overpass, then down the stairway to Caltrain southbound (toward San Jose). Purchase a one-way ticket. Trains to Palo Alto run every twenty minutes or so most of the day, but only once per hour after 8 p.m. Caltrain schedules are available on various smartphone apps, e.g. CaltrainMe. From the Palo Alto Caltrain Station, it is a ten minute walk to the Cardinal Hotel. Alternative means of transportation from San Francisco Airport are rideshare services (about \$45-50 one way), taxi (about \$90 one-way) and SuperShuttle (advance reservation recommended, \$26 one way).

From San Jose International Airport. The Airport Flyer shuttle will transport you for free from the airport to the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. Caltrain runs directly from the Santa Clara Station to the Palo Alto Station (see above).

**RECEPTION AND BANQUET:** A reception will be held on Friday evening at the conclusion of the day's sessions, at a site on campus to be determined.

The annual meeting banquet will be held on Saturday evening at a downtown restaurant near the Cardinal Hotel. The banquet will conclude with an address by **Professor Wai-ye Li** (Harvard University). **All participants are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet and hear the banquet address.**

**WEATHER:** October is usually a delightful time in Palo Alto, with clear skies and daytime highs in the 70s or low 80s, nighttime lows in the 50s or 60s. This can vary of course, so please check weather forecasts before departure.

**\*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/>.