

# American Oriental Society

Western Branch  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2019 meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will be hosted by the University of California, Davis, on October 24-26. **All members** of the AOS are cordially invited, and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, to organize panels, and to present papers.\* Please **send by July 1st** a title and 250-word abstract of a proposed paper. Abstracts will be evaluated for the command they show of the chosen topic, methodological rigor and originality, clarity and persuasiveness of expression, and the potential contribution of the research to the field. Proposals for exceptional formats such as roundtable discussions or workshops may also be considered. 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.**

Abstracts (in **word document**, with a file title formatted as **last name\_first name\_wbaos19.doc**, by July 1, 2019) and registrations forms (by September 1, 2019) should be sent via email to Professor Yuming He (Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, UC Davis) at the following email address:

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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 24, and continue through Friday and Saturday, October 25-26.

**MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:** Sessions will be held in the Student Community Center of UC Davis Campus, 397 Hutchison Dr., Davis, CA 95616.

**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 two hotels for a special conference rate:

[The Aggie Inn](#), \$154/night (plus taxes & fees) for a double, \$144/night (plus taxes & fees) for a single queen. Reservations can be made online by following the link <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/VE76Z5> or by calling (530) 756-0352. The special rate will be available until September 23.

[The Best Western University Lodge](#), \$115/night (plus taxes & fees) for a double, \$110/night (plus taxes & fees) for a single queen. Reservations can be made by calling 1(800) 780-7234 or (530) 756-7890. The special rate will be available until October 3.

The hotels are next to campus, and about 12-minute walk from the conference site. If making reservations by phone, please make sure to mention that you are coming for the American Oriental Society meeting in order to obtain the conference rate. There are a limited number of rooms and you are encouraged to make your reservations earlier rather than later.

**TRAVEL:** Out-of-town participants can fly to Sacramento International Airport. The airport is about 20 miles away from the campus and the hotels. Shuttle and bus services are available (<https://siss.ucdavis.edu/airport-transportation>), as well as taxi services, Uber and Lyft.

Oakland International Airport is about 66 miles away from campus and the hotels, and San Francisco International Airport is about 83 miles away. [BART](#) (Bay Area Rapid Transit)+ [Amtrak](#) train ([Capitol Corridor](#) line) will take you to Davis Amtrak station, which is 10-minute walk from the hotels. You can transfer from BART to Amtrak at the [Richmond BART Station](#).

**RECEPTION AND BANQUET:** A reception will be held on Friday night from 6:30-8:30 pm at the [City Hall Tavern](#), 226 F Street, Davis, CA 95618.

The **annual meeting banquet** will be held on Saturday evening at the Multi-Purpose Room, Student Community Center, UC Davis. Following the banquet we will be pleased to be addressed by Dr. Madeline Spring, outgoing president of the Western Branch. **All participants are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet and hear the presidential address.**

**WEATHER:** Late October is usually a delightful time in Davis, with clear skies and average daily temperatures ranging from high 40s to high 70s. 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/>.