

American Oriental Society

Western Branch
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2022 meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will be co-hosted by Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, and held **fully in-person** on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson on November 3–5. **All members** of the AOS are cordially invited, and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, organize panels, and present papers.* Please **send by August 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 late 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 16th**.

Abstracts (in **Word document**, with a file title formatted as **last name_first name_wbaos22.doc**, by August 1st, 2022) and registrations forms (by September 16th, 2022) should be sent via email to Professor Scott W. Gregory (Department of East Asian Studies, University of Arizona) at the following email address: wbaos-2022@email.arizona.edu

Registration fees (by September 16th, 2022) should be sent electronically to WBAOS Treasurer Timothy Davis (Brigham Young University). Details of the online payment method will be available soon via the [WBAOS website](#).

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, November 3, and continue through Friday and Saturday, November 4-5.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: Sessions will be held in the University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center, 1303 E. University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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 **August 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:

[Aloft Tucson University](#) \$159/night (plus taxes & fees) for a single or double. This special rate is available through this link through Wednesday October 5th, 2022.

[Tucson Marriott University Park](#): \$189/night (plus taxes & fees) This special rate is available through this link through Monday, Oct. 3rd, 2022.

The hotels are next to campus, and about a 15-20 walk from the conference site. If making reservations by phone, please make sure to mention that you are coming for the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society meeting in order to obtain the conference rates. 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 **Tucson International Airport (TUS)**. The airport is about 9 miles away from the campus and the hotels.

It is also possible to fly through **Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)**, which is about 95 miles away from campus and the hotels. Shuttles between PHX and the University of Arizona campus are available ([Groome](#), approximately \$45 one way; [Flixbus](#), approximately \$30 one way). The journey takes around 2.5 hours.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET: A **reception** will be held on Friday night from 6:30-8:30 pm at [Motosonora](#), 1015 S Park Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719.

The **annual meeting banquet** will be held on Saturday evening at the [Kachina Lounge](#), in the Student Union Memorial Center. Following the banquet, we will be pleased to be addressed by Dr. Anna Shields. **All participants are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet and hear the keynote address.**

WEATHER: Early November is usually a very pleasant time in Tucson, with clear skies and average daily temperatures ranging from high 40s to mid 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/>.