

American Oriental Society

Western Branch
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will take place on **October 12-14**. Portland State University, Reed College and Lewis and Clark College will host the meeting. **All members** of the AOS are cordially invited, and enthusiastically encouraged to attend, to organize panels, and to present papers.* Please send by **Saturday, July 1st** an abstract for a proposed paper. Successful applicants to the conference will be notified by the middle of July at which point registrations must be sent in and payment must be made on the WBAOS website, no later than **September 1st**. Abstracts and registration forms may be emailed to Stephen Wadley: wadleys@pdx.edu. Questions? Stephen Wadley can be reached by phone or text at: 801-636-5691.

Accepted papers will be given between 15-20 minutes for presentation. Final programs will be e-mailed to participants at the end of September.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

All sessions will be held at the Willamette, Astoria and Coos Bay conference rooms at University Place Hotel and Conference Center, 310 SW Lincoln Street Portland, Oregon 97201

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD:

In order to encourage graduate students to engage in the activities of the Western Branch, the society has created the "Graduate Student Travel Award of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch." This year, two awards will be offered to subvent 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 in the e-mail message that accompanies the submission of their registration form and abstract. 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 **University Place Hotel** (ph: 1-866-845-4647; 503-221-0140; fax: 503-224-0744; email: uplace@pdx.edu) for a special conference rate of \$97/night for either a double or King sized single "comfort" room (plus 16% city tax). The hotel provides complimentary breakfast. Please 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 12th**, after which reservations will be on a space and rate availability basis only.

TRAVEL:

Out-of-town participants can fly to Portland International Airport (PDX). The hotel is easily reached by taking the MAX light rail from the airport. As you exit the concourse take the stairs down to the baggage claim level and turn right. Follow the signs for MAX light rail to the Southwest corner of the terminal. Tickets can be purchased from machines just inside the door of the terminal or on the train platform immediately outside the doors. The cost is \$2.50 for a ticket good on all public transportation for two and one half hours.

Instructions for Most Convenient Route to the Hotel Using Public Transportation: Take the MAX (Red Line) from the airport to Downtown Portland. Exit at the Pioneer Square stop, backtrack one block and turn left across the street to transfer to the southbound Orange Line to Milwaukie. Get off at the SW 3rd and Lincoln stop. The hotel is on the south side of the street right across from the light rail stop. Trip planner: <https://trimet.org>

There are also numerous shuttle, Uber and taxi services from the airport at a cost of approx. \$50+. If you are driving, overnight parking at the hotel is available for \$13 per day. Driving directions to the hotel can be found on the hotel website: <http://www.uplacehotel.com>. Click the “find us” link.

WEATHER:

Portland weather is often nice but a bit unpredictable in October as it is the transition period between the warm and dry summer months to the cool and rainy late autumn and winter. Please pay close attention to the weather forecast and come prepared for a variety of weather conditions. Highs are generally in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s this time of year.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET:

A reception will be held in the Willamette Room of the University Place Hotel on Friday evening 7:00-9:00 PM. The **annual meeting banquet** will be held on Saturday evening 7:00-9:00 PM, also in the Willamette Room. Following the banquet we will be pleased to be addressed by Dr. Richard VanNess Simmons, president of the Western Branch. **All participants are invited to hear the address.**

***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: <http://www.aos-site.org>.