

American Oriental Society

Western Branch
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2024 annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Western Branch will take place on **October 31–November 2**. Arizona State University 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 **Monday, July 15th** an abstract for a proposed paper to the Secretary-Treasurer (email address provided below). Successful applicants to the conference will be notified by the end of July at which point registrations must be sent in and payment must be made on the [WBAOS website](#), no later than **September 1st**.

Please email abstracts and registration forms to Secretary-Treasurer Tim Davis:
aoswesternbranch@gmail.com

For other questions about the conference logistics please contact Nick Williams:
nmwill14@asu.edu

Accepted papers will be allotted 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 Memorial Union building on the Arizona State University Tempe campus, located at 301 E. Orange St., Tempe, AZ 85281.

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 **Canopy Hilton Tempe Downtown** (ph: 480-968-6800) for a special conference rate of \$189/night for either a 1 King Bedroom or 2 Queen Bedroom. The hotel is located conveniently in downtown Tempe across University Drive from the ASU campus, at 108 E. University Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85281. Please book your room at this link only: [Canopy Hilton Tempe Downtown \(Conference Rate\)](#)

Only a limited number of rooms have been reserved at the conference rate, which will be available either until **October 8th** or until all rooms are booked, whichever comes first. To ensure access to the conference rate, please book in advance using the above link.

TRAVEL:

Out-of-town participants can fly to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX).

The hotel is easily reached by light rail from the airport. Take the [Sky Train](#) to the 44th St. Station, and then light rail to Veterans Way/College Ave. station. The Canopy Hotel is a ten minute walk south from the station.

The conference hotel is also a ten-minute ride from the airport by taxi, Uber, or Lyft, at a cost of \$20+.

If you are driving, valet parking at the hotel is available for \$39 per day, or there are numerous other parking garages in the immediate vicinity.

WEATHER:

The late fall is normally one of the best times to visit Tempe, with the infernal heat of the summer having receded enough that it is pleasant to be outside at any time of day. By the end of October, Tempe typically has cooled down to a daytime high of around 82 degrees and a low of 54 degrees at night. Nonetheless, visitors should also be prepared for hotter weather.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET:

A **reception** will be held at the Alibi Rooftop Lounge on top of the conference hotel, on Friday evening 5:30–7:30 PM. The **annual meeting banquet** will be held at the historical Old Main building on the ASU campus, on Saturday evening 7:00–9:00 PM. Following the banquet we will be pleased to be addressed by Professor William H. Baxter from the University of Michigan. **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>.