

American Oriental Society

Western Branch
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<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/eastasian/aoswb/>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2015 meeting of the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society will take place at the University of Colorado, Boulder, **October 9 to 10 (Friday and Saturday), 2015**, hosted by the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations at CU Boulder. All AOS members are cordially invited and enthusiastically encouraged to attend and to present papers.* We recommend registering as early as you can. Please send the enclosed registration form, payment, and your abstract, if you intend to give a paper, by **Monday, July 6, 2015**. We will notify participants who have submitted a paper proposal by **Monday, August 3, 2015**, whether their proposal was accepted.

***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* as well as at the American Oriental Society website: <http://www.umich.edu/~aos>.

Accepted papers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. There will be no designated “discussant” for any panel. The program will be mailed out in early September.

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 when they send in 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.

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held in the British Studies Room (M 549) of Norlin Library on the Boulder campus.

CONFERENCE RECEPTION AND BANQUET

A reception will be held in the Humanities Library (HUMN 350) in the Eaton Humanities Building on Friday, October 9, at the conclusion of the afternoon session, with drinks and light snacks. The annual meeting banquet will take place Saturday evening, October 10. The traditional banquet address will be given by Professor Xiaofei Tian of Harvard University. A buffet will be served, and guests will make their choices at the restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION

We have negotiated discounted rates for conference participants for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at the **Hotel Boulderado** in downtown Boulder, 2115 13th St., Boulder, CO, 80302 (<http://boulderado.com>), phone 1-800-433-4344. The following discounted room options are available:

1. Traditional Queen: 1 Queen bed for \$184 (plus tax)
2. Deluxe Two Queens: 2 Queen beds for \$194 (plus tax)
3. Boulderado King: 1 King bed for \$214 (plus tax)
4. Classic King: 1 King bed with Special Features for \$239 (plus tax)
5. Suite: Room with Sofa Sleeper for \$269 (plus tax)*

To book your room at the conference rate, please call 1-800-433-4344 and mention and mention the group **ID 17785**. You will be able to choose your room type and exact dates. Since it was not possible to reserve a block of rooms, **we strongly encourage you to make your reservation at the Boulderado right away**. (Should your plans change, you can always cancel your reservation until 4 PM on the day prior to your scheduled arrival.) Those of you who are interested in sharing a room in the Boulderado are welcome to email us. We will do our best to help you find a room-mate.

A Google search will show a few other hotels in the immediate area, including some that may be less expensive (e.g., the Quality Inn, closest to campus). Please remember that it may be difficult to find accommodation at an early October weekend in Boulder and plan ahead.

TRAVEL FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DIA)

The most convenient and inexpensive method of transportation is the RTD Bus **AB line**. It takes a bit more than an hour from DIA West Island # 5 to Boulder Transit Center (ca. 5 minutes' walk to the Boulderado). Tickets are \$13 one-way. For information about the schedule call the Regional Transportation District (RTD) at 303-299-6000 or go to <http://www.rtd-denver.com>.

The **Super Shuttle** usually takes longer but will drop you off at the hotel directly. It requires prior reservation at <http://www.supershuttle.com>. Tickets are \$27 one-way, \$54 for a round trip.

Taxi cabs are ca. \$90 one-way and take ca. 50 minutes.

WEATHER

Early October is usually a delightful time in Boulder, with clear skies and daytime highs in the 60s, although nighttime lows are often in the 30s. This can vary of course, so please check weather forecasts before departure.

* For details see <http://boulderado.com/rooms/rooms-suites/>.

WESTERN BRANCH, AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting, October 9 – 10, 2015, University of Colorado at Boulder
Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Institution: _____

E-mail: _____

Pre-Registration Fees (including banquet):

- students (ID required) and emeriti \$50 . ..
- salary
 - under \$60,999 \$70
 - \$61,000 – \$75,999 \$95 . ..
 - \$76,000 – \$99,999 \$125 . ..
 - \$100,000 or more \$175 . ..
- banquet (guests only) \$50
- voluntary donation to fund future Graduate Student Travel Awards _____
- **Total** _____
- Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Form of Payment:

Check or money order payable to the **American Oriental Society, Western Branch**. If you live outside the US, please remit in US Dollars only, payable through a US bank or by International Money Order. Participants without a US bank account may pay in cash during the meeting.

Technology Needs:

A projector will be available. Please indicate whether you have other technology needs (e.g., slide projector, internet access): _____

Pre-Registration for Those Proposing Papers:

Please return this form and an abstract (150-300 words) of your proposed paper by **Monday, July 6, 2015**, via regular mail or email (Word documents, please), to the postal or email addresses below. Payment (i.e., checks) must be sent via regular mail and at the same time as paper title and abstract.

Pre-registration for Non-Presenters:

Please return this form with appropriate payment by **Monday, September 7, 2015**.

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