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Dear AOS Member:

With the coming of another academic year, the Society extends its greetings to you with the hope that the summer has been relaxing and productive. The Secretary herewith reminds you that you should pay your annual dues for the coming membership year, January–December 2009, and asks you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Society's Endowment Funds. All contributions of \$25 or more are credited to the endowment. This office will send a letter of acknowledgment to each contributor for tax records.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved an increase in annual membership dues to US\$80 for corporate members and to US\$40 for students and retired members.

Please also consider making a gift to the Graduate Student Award Fund, which provides funding support for travel and lodging to graduate student members who are presenting papers at the Annual Meeting. It is gratifying that during 2008 members contributed \$13,300.00 to the fund, while the fund distributed \$11,970 in individual \$400 awards to graduate students who presented papers at the 2008 Annual Meeting. The Society's general fund matches these contributions to assure the fund's steady growth. Graduate student attendance at Annual Meetings is without doubt essential to the sound future of the Society. Please indicate on the Dues Payment form the amount you wish to contribute. Your generous and thoughtful tax-deductible contribution to the Graduate Student Award Fund will promote and enrich the careers of several deserving students and future scholars of Oriental Studies.

Kindly fill out the enclosed Dues Payment form, and return it with your payment. Please note that you may notify this office of address or other changes and additions on the verso of the dues payment form or at any other time with the electronic form at the AOS web site.

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The Society's Constitution requires that dues payments be made by 31 December of the year preceding the membership year. Thus, you must pay your 2009 dues before 31 December 2008. Members who pay late will be assessed a surcharge \$10.00 because of the extra expense to the Society of individually processing dues payments and mailing the Journal after the deadline. Please note that you may use a credit card to pay dues and Annual Meeting fees or make contributions. If you choose to use a credit card, please use the enclosed Credit Card Payment form.

Remember that only those whose memberships are current receive the Journal without interruption. The Journal is mailed to the current, paid, membership directly from the printer at a substantial cost reduction from the expense of mailing it individually from the AOS office to those members who pay late.

The Journal of the American Oriental Society is returning to its usual publication schedule. The current issue is vol. 127:2 (April–June 2007).

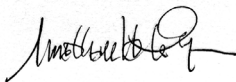
Please review carefully the contents of this mailing, which includes the following:

1. This Dues Notice Letter
2. 2009 Dues Payment Form
3. 2009 Annual Meeting Materials containing:
 - a. Call for Papers with 2009 Meeting Information
 - b. Announcement of Communication Form
 - c. Pre-Registration Form. Note that registration is a package deal: Fees covers both meeting registration and annual banquet admission (\$125 for regular members and \$50 for students).
4. Credit Card Payment Form
5. Nomination Recommendations for Elective Office Form

These forms, and a membership application form you may offer to colleagues whom you invite to present communications at the meeting, are also available in Adobe PDF on the AOS web site: <http://www.umich.edu/~aos/2009>.

With many thanks for your careful attention to these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,



Jonathan Rodgers