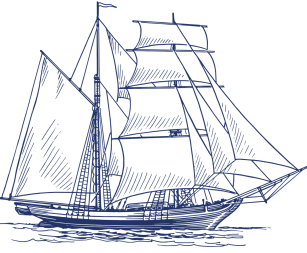


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THURSDAY • MARCH 16, 2023



WELCOME TO AAS 2023

BOSTON, WE FINALLY MADE IT!

The Association for Asian Studies extends a warm welcome to all our 2023 Annual Conference attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. We're so glad to be here in Boston! As you may know, we were only days away from the 2020 Annual Conference when the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a sudden change in plans. Three years later, our world is very different, but the core of what makes the AAS special remains the same. It is, very simply, **you**.

Your engagement in the AAS and your participation in our Annual Conferences are the foundation of our Asian Studies community. Over the next few days, we look forward to reaffirming the bonds that bring us together year after year.

Welcome to Boston, and welcome to AAS 2023.

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NOT A TYPO

ABOUT OUR CONFERENCE BAGS

Light tan canvas. Navy blue straps with a jaunty red stripe. A sketch of a ship with its sails billowing. And the text: "Association for Asian Studies - Boston 2020 Annual Conference."

Wait. *What?*

While you might wonder if we made an enormous mistake with the conference tote bags this year, that's not a typo. Back in early 2020, we ordered more than three thousand bags to hand out at our scheduled Annual Conference in Boston. When we canceled that conference, all the boxes filled with tote bags went into storage, where they've remained for the past three years. Disposing of the bags and ordering new ones simply to change one digit in the year would have been, we thought, a terrible waste (and quite expensive).

So this week, our 2020 tote bags will finally get used. We hope you enjoy receiving a "collector's edition" AAS conference bag—and if you'd like to correct the year, there are Sharpie markers available in the registration area for use in making that edit.



AAS 2020 tote bags, waiting for distribution





AAS Executive Director Hilary Finchum-Sung (left) and Digital Media Manager Maura Elizabeth Cunningham (at podium) speaking at the 2022 First-Time Attendee Orientation

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE ORIENTATION

4:00 PM

Entering a large conference for the first time can be overwhelming, and many participants might not be sure where to go or what to do. If this is your first AAS—or if you'd like to hear tips on navigating an Annual Conference—please join us at the **First-Time Attendee Orientation** on **Thursday at 4:00pm** (Sheraton, Back Bay A Ballroom, 2nd Floor).

AAS staff members will greet you and offer their reflections on how to make the conference both productive and enjoyable. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other first-timers!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

5:00 PM

Come to the Sheraton Grand Ballroom at 5:00pm for the **AAS 2023 Opening Ceremony**, including a performance by the **Angkor Dance Troupe** from Lowell, MA, followed by the Keynote Address.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Dr. Pasuk Phongpaichit** (right), Emeritus Professor of Political Economy at Chulalongkorn University. Her talk, **"Asia in a Fragile World,"** will consider human welfare and demands on the academy in our current time of geopolitical conflict and instability.



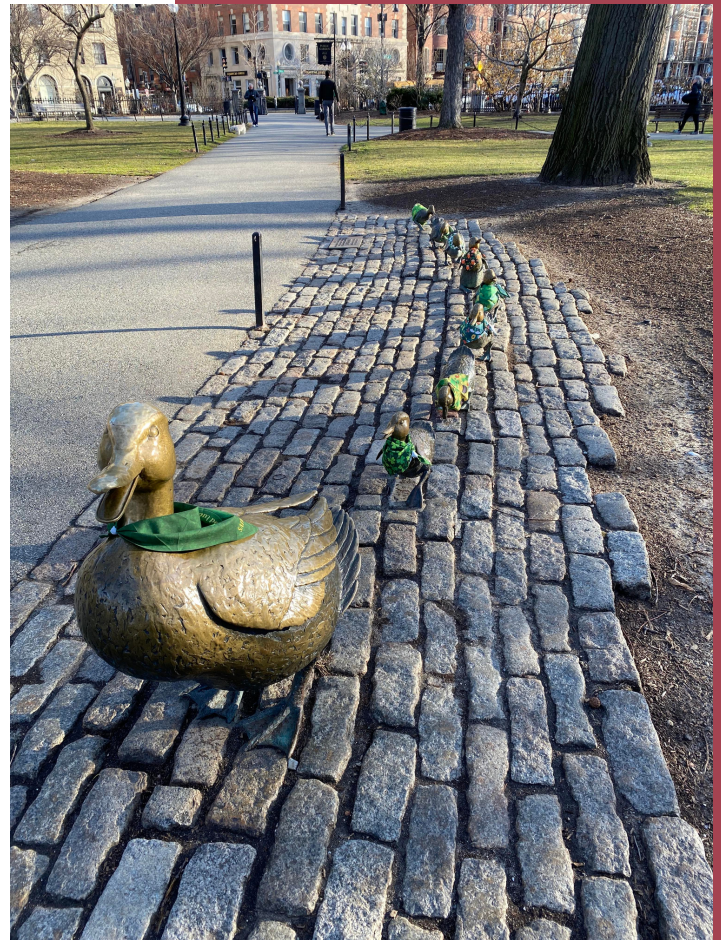
ENJOY YOUR TIME IN BOSTON

WHAT TO DO

Many thanks to the **AAS 2023 Local Arrangements Committee** (LAC) for its months of diligent work to ensure that our conference attendees will get the most out of their time in Boston! Chaired by **Merry “Corky” White** (Boston University), the LAC includes **Marié Abe** (Boston University), **David Odo** (Harvard University), and **Gavin Whitelaw** (Harvard University).

Whether you’re a local or a first-time visitor to Beantown, the LAC has a recommendation for you. Enjoy some of the many restaurants in Corky White’s guide to Boston dining, or spend an afternoon at one of the area museums offering free admission to AAS conference attendees. Come to one of the sessions organized by the LAC—one on Chinese food in Boston (session C041) and the second exploring the personal stories of women in Japanese studies (session H027). On Saturday afternoon, the LAC has arranged for a screening of “Nuchi nu Miji - Okinawa’s Water of Life,” followed by a Q&A with directors Natsuko Shimabukuro and Jon Mitchell (Sheraton, Hampton). And on Saturday evening, the MIT Bhangra Club and Gund Kwok Women’s Lion Dancers will offer a lively evening of entertainment, starting at 7:00pm in the Sheraton Constitution Ballroom A.

Full information and links to all LAC events can be found on the AAS conference website: <https://www.asianstudies.org/conference/local-arrangements-committee-special-programming-events/> And if you see a member of the Local Arrangements Committee during your time at AAS 2023, please thank them for their warm welcome to Boston!

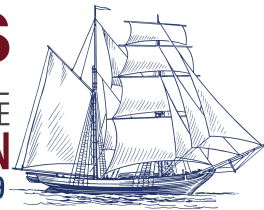


“Make Way for Ducklings” sculptures
in Boston Public Garden

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PHOTOS OF THE DAY

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Not a typo.

We are repurposing ♻️

COLLECTOR'S EDITION 2020 AAS Conference Bag

In March 2020, with two weeks to go until the AAS Annual Conference, this bag arrived in Boston ready to carry your belongings. When the conference was canceled, the bag was sent back to the AAS warehouse. We have elected to repurpose these "Collector's Edition" bags. This bag is ready to lift the weight, having returned to Boston for the #AAS2023 conference.

DIY Option: Sharpie markers are available if you would like to customize your bag



AAS2023 Schedule at a Glance

MORNING

Meetings-in-Conjunction
8:00am - 5:00pm ET



AFTERNOON

Registration and Badge Pick-Up Open
12:00pm - 8:00pm ET

Film Expo
12:30pm - 8:25pm ET

First-Time Attendee Orientation
4:00pm - 4:45pm ET

Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address
5:00Pm - 6:30pm ET

Session Block A
7:00pm - 8:30pm ET

Graduate Student Reception
8:30pm - 9:30pm

PROGRAM CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

Room Changes

- Education about Asia Editorial Advisory Board meeting** Pg. 29
has **moved** to the Boardroom, 3rd Floor
- SESSION F013** has **moved** to Sheraton, The Fens Pg. 97
- SESSION H020** has **moved** to Sheraton, Back Bay C Pg. 120
- SESSION H022** has **moved** to Sheraton, Boston Commons Pg. 121

Time Changes

- SESSION L030** has been **rescheduled** to the 9:00am-10:30am Pg. 151
time slot in Public Garden, Sheraton, Sunday
(*original time was 10:45 am, Sunday*)

Canceled Sessions

- SESSION F033:** Saturday at 8:30am - **Canceled** Pg. 102
- SESSION K001:** Sunday at 9:00 am - **Canceled** Pg. 136
- SESSION L017:** Sunday at 10:45 am - **Canceled** Pg. 145

Canceled Meetings-in-Conjunctions

- Academia Sinica Center for Digital Cultures** Pg. 28
(*original time was 7:30 pm, Friday*) - **Canceled**
- School of Asian Pacific Studies at University of Hawai'i** Pg. 29
at Manoa (*original time was 7:30 pm, Friday*) - **Canceled**
- Society for Queer Asian Studies (SQAS)** Pg. 30
(*original time was 12:15pm, Saturday*) - **Canceled**



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