

# WELCOME BOSTON COMPONENT 2022 ANNUAL MEETING





Welcome to the in-person component of ASOR's 2022 Annual Meeting, November 16-19, in downtown Boston, Massachusetts.

The conference will be held at the <u>Boston Park Plaza</u>, <u>50 Park Plaza</u>, <u>Boston</u>, <u>MA 02116</u>.

Only steps away from the Public Garden, Theater District, and many of the city's best shopping, restaurants, and historical sites, the Boston Park Plaza is an ideal location to enjoy ASOR sessions during the day and explore the city during the evening.

**Parking:** Valet parking is available at the Boston Park Plaza for \$30 (up to 8 hours) or \$65 (8+ hours/overnight). The valet entrance is at 34 Columbus Ave. Self-parking is available at the Motor Mart Garage, which is across the street from the hotel (26 Park Plaza, and an entrance off Stuart Street) with rates starting at \$14 and overnight parking at \$40.

#### Dining:

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the hotel lobby at the Boston Park Plaza's signature restaurant Off The Common. During the ASOR Annual Meeting, Off The Common will offer an express menu with to-go breakfast and lunch options, such as bagels, oatmeal, and breakfast sandwiches, and a sandwich/chips or salad/beverage combination for lunch.

The Boston Park Plaza also houses a full-service Starbucks location in the hotel lobby, as well as <u>Strega Italiano</u> – a modern restaurant with exceptional Italian cuisine, seafood, and steak. There are also a variety of dining options in all price ranges within a short walk from the hotel, including <u>MJ O'Connor's</u> pub, <u>Maggiano's Little Italy</u>, and a number of quick-bite options at <u>City Place</u> in the State Transportation Building (10 Park Plaza).



#### Boston Park Plaza Wifi:

There will be basic wireless internet available in the ASOR meeting space and exhibit areas.

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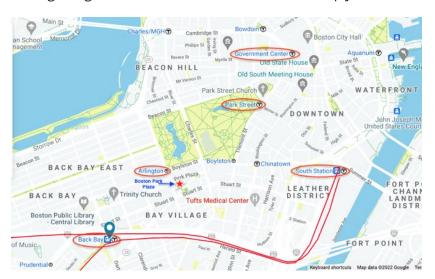


#### **Getting Around:**

Public Transportation is the easiest and cheapest option for getting around Bean Town. The MBTA or simply the "T" is

Boston's public transportation system with subway, bus, trolley, and boat services. MBTA has a tool called <u>Trip Planner</u> that lets you plan your T ride from beginning to end.

The closest T stops to the Boston Park Plaza are the Arlington Street (Green Line) and Back Bay (Orange Line) Stations. From the airport you can take the blue line to Government Center and switch to the Green Line to Arlington T Station, which is approximately 500 feet from the hotel entrance. You can also take the free Silver Line bus to South Station (approximately .8 miles from the hotel).



#### **Boston Highlights:**

While in Boston, enjoy free admission to a number of area museums. The <u>Harvard Museum of the Ancient Middle East</u> (<u>HMANE</u>) has free admission and is hosting a private reception for ASOR attendees on Saturday, November 19. Advance sign-up is required (see page 7).

The Harvard Art Museums will offer free admission to ASOR Annual Meeting attendees between November 15 – 23 (closed on Monday 11/21). Conference goers should stop at the Admissions desk (or the podium in the Courtyard) and show their ASOR Name Badge in order to get free admission. Show a copy of this Digital Welcome Packet e-mail in lieu of a name badge if visiting the museums on Tuesday, Nov. 15 before the meeting begins. Information on current exhibits, hours, and location can be found online here.

The Museum of Fine Arts is offering free general admission to ASOR Annual Meeting attendees from November 16 – 23, 2022. Show you ASOR name badge at the admissions desk for free entrance. If you forgot your badge, you can self-identify as an attendee of the ASOR Annual Meeting and provide a business card/ID that shows you are affiliated with a museum or cultural institution. For information on opening hours, planning your trip, and special exhibits (additional fee may apply), please visit the MFA website.



Note: Days, Times, Sessions, and Presentations are subject to change

#### ASOR 2022 In-Person Boston Schedule:

The in-person component will begin on Wednesday, November 16th. The ASOR registration desks will be open from 12:00-8:30pm and the Exhibit Hall opens at 4:00pm EST. Dr. Solange Ashby will give the Plenary Address, Women of the Sacred South: Nubian Women in the Temple and Upon the Throne at 7:00pm. Academic sessions are held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:20 am to 6:25 pm EST. View all of the sessions, workshops, business meetings, and special events taking place in Boston at the links below. Please check back often for schedule updates.

- Online Version (in Oxford Abstracts) of ASOR 2022 Academic Program Complete schedule with presentations and abstract links. This online version is the most up-to-date schedule.
- ASOR 2022 PDF versions of the program can be found <u>here</u>, but the Online Program is the most current version. These PDFs include the:
  - o PDF Version of the Academic Schedule
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#### Instructions for how to navigate the Online Schedule:

• View the 2022 Academic Program Online Here

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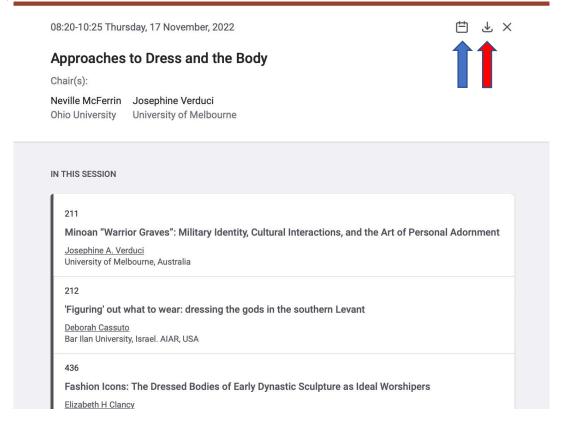
- Scroll past the virtual program (in blue over the October dates) and view the in-person/Boston schedule (in a terracotta color over the November dates)
- If you haven't already, create a free account by selecting "sign-in" on the top right corner of the programs to bookmark sessions, add them to your calendar, and to use the chat tool to network with other attendees.
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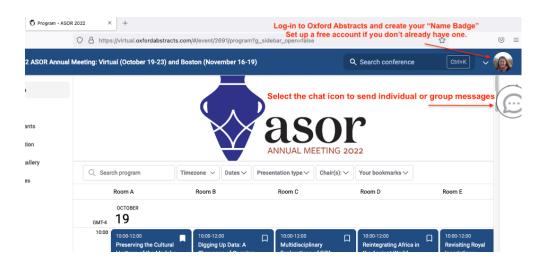
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• Connect with attendees from both the virtual and in-person components by using the Chat Tool (you will need to sign in if you haven't already). This function supports individual and group chat.



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