

Professor

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Research/teaching interests: A native Californian and 1976 PhD graduate of Stanford University, John Boli has published extensively on the topics of globalization, world culture, international nongovernmental organizations, education, citizenship, and state power and authority in the world polity. His current research includes a project on the globalization of the game of sudoku and of the iPhone, as well as a long-term study of the role of Christendom in the genesis of the world polity and world culture. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on sociological theory and globalization, and a graduate course on theory construction. He is an avid cyclist and singer. Married with three grown children, he has lived for eight years in Sweden, the native country of his wife Lisbeth.

Selected publications

*The Globalization Reader* (with Frank Lechner)

*World Culture: Origins and Consequences* (with Frank Lechner)

“Contemporary Developments in World Culture,” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

Course syllabi

Soc 457, Development of Sociological Theory

Soc 190, Making Sense of Globalization

Soc 525, Global Structures and Processes

Soc 741, Theory Construction

Other scholarship

*Constructing World Culture: International Nongovernmental Organizations Since 1875* (with George Thomas)

“Trading Diamonds Responsibly: Institutional Explanations for Corporate Social Responsibility” (with Franziska Bieri), *Sociological Forum*

“Façade Diversity: The Individualization of Cultural Difference” (with Michael Elliott), *International Sociology*

Other teaching

Selected assignments from Soc 190, Making Sense of Globalization

Selected assignments from Soc 457, Development of Sociological Theory