

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DEGREES

Ph.D.	Sociology, Stanford University	1979
	Dissertation: <i>Institutional Knowledge and Social Movements</i>	
M. A.	Sociology, Stanford University	1977
B.A.	Sociology, Arizona State University	1973

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2023— Professor Emeritus, School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University
2009—2023 Professor, School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University
Head of Global Studies Faculty, 2012—2013
2010—2011 Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
2005—2009 Professor, School of Global Studies, Arizona State University
Associate Director SGS, 2005—2007; Interim Director, 2007
1993—2005 Professor, Sociology Department, Arizona State University
1987—1993 Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Arizona State University
1981—1987 Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Arizona State University
1979—1981 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sociology Department, Stanford University
1979—1980 Lecturer, Sociology Department, University of Santa Clara
1978—1979 Research Associate, Sociology Department, Stanford University

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION

Global Processes: World Culture, Global Governance, Nation-state, Movements

Religion/Culture: Religious Rights and Subjectivities, Movements, Conflict, Globalization

Education: Religious/Cultural Conflicts in Education and Schooling, Comparative Systems

Comparative-Historical Sociology: Religious Engagements of Authority, Revivalisms

Courses Taught (selected)

Undergraduate: Religion and Globalization; World Society: Imagining the World; Thinking Globally: Principles of Global Studies; Revivals and Revolutions; Contemporary Sociological Theory; Sociology of Religion; Political Sociology; Sociology of Knowledge
Graduate: World Society: Institutions, Organizations, and Movements; Religious Contentions in World Society; Global Political and Cultural Processes; International Organizations in the World Polity; Contemporary Sociological Theory

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

J. Boli and G.M. Thomas (eds.)

1999 *Constructing World Culture: International Nongovernmental Organizations Since 1875*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

G.M. Thomas

1989 *Revivalism and Cultural Change: Christianity, Nation Building, and the Market in the Nineteenth-Century United States*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Issued in paperback in 1997.

Awards

*Sociology of Culture Book Award by the American Sociological Association's Section on Culture for "the best recent [1987-1990] book in the field"

*Award for Distinguished Scholarship, 1991, by the Pacific Sociological Association

G.M. Thomas, J.W. Meyer, F.O. Ramirez, and J. Boli

1987 *Institutional Structure: Constituting State, Society and the Individual*. Newbury Park, Cal.: Sage.

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Peggy-Jean Allin and G.M. Thomas

2023 "Movements to Combat Sex-Trafficking: The Social Construction of a Global Problem and Its Solutions." *Millennium*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298231212916>

G.M. Thomas

2022 "Relativizing Effects of Globalization, Images of the Global Field, and Religious Responses," ch. 6 (pp. 100-123) in Peter Beyer (ed.), *Globalization/Glocalization: Developments in Theory and Applications: Essays in Honour of Roland Robertson*. Brill.

G.M. Thomas

2020 "World Society Contexts of the Politics of Being Christian in the Middle East," ch. 5 (pp. 91-111) in Stephan Stetter and Mitra M. Nabo (eds.) *Middle East Christianity: Local Practices, World Societal Entanglements*. (Palgrave Macmillan)

G.M. Thomas

2019 "Modern Subjectivities, Religious Belief, and Irony in Everyday Life" ch 9 (pp. 169-189) in Dietrich Jung and Stephan Stetter (eds.) *Modern Subjectivities in World Society: Global Structures and Local Practices*. Palgrave Studies in International Relations.

T. Zhao, L. Wang, G.M. Thomas

2016 "Public Policies, Stakeholder Interest and Nonprofit Development: The Case of Trade Associations in Shanghai, China." *Voluntas* 27(5):2173–2198.

G.M. Thomas

- 2016 “Dynamics of World Culture: Global Rationalism and Problematizing Norms, Again,” ch. 5 in Roland Robertson and Didem Buhari-Gulmez (eds.), *Global Culture: Consciousness and Connectivity*, Ashgate.

G.M. Thomas

- 2014 “Commentary: Toward understanding world society” pp. 303 – 316 in B. Holzer, F. Kastner, and T. Werron (eds.), *From Globalization to World Society: Neo-institutional and Systems-Theoretical Perspectives*. New York: Routledge.

G.M. Thomas

- 2013 “Rationalized cultural contexts of functional differentiation,” pp. 27 – 49 in M. Albert, B. Buzan, and M. Zürn (eds.), *Bringing Sociology to International Relations: World Politics as Differentiation Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

G.M. Thomas

- 2013 “Commentary: Democracy, Performance, and Politics,” *Journal of Civil Society* 9(1): 105 – 110.

N. Çevik and G.M. Thomas

- 2012 “Muslimism in Turkey and new religious orthodoxies: implications for theorizing religious movements in world society,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 3(2): 143-181.

G.M. Thomas

- 2010 “Differentiation, rationalization, and actorhood in new systems and world culture theories.” Pp. 220—248 in Mathias Albert, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Alexander Wendt (eds.), *New Systems Theories of World Politics*. New York: Palgrave.

G.M. Thomas

- 2009 “World Polity, World Culture, World Society” *International Political Sociology* 3(1):115—119.

G.M. Thomas, N. Chhetri, K. Hussaini

- 2008 “Legitimacy and the Rise of NGOs: The Global and Local in South Asia.” *Journal of Civil Society* 4(June): 1—12.

G.M. Thomas

- 2007 “The cultural and religious character of world society.” Pp. 35—56 in Peter Beyer and Lori Beaman (eds.), *Religion, Globalization, and Culture*, Brill Academic Publishers.

Reprinted in Véronique Atglas (ed.), *Religion and Globalization, Volume IV: Religion and Politics in Global Context: New Challenges*, ch. 59, New York: Routledge. 2011.

- G.M. Thomas
 2007 "Globalization: The major players," pp. 84—102 in George Ritzer (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to Globalization*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell.
- G.M. Thomas
 2005 "Religious rights and schools in the USA: Historical and comparative contexts," (translated into French), in Jean-Paul Willaime, avec la collaboration de Séverine Mathieu, (eds.) *Des maîtres et des dieux. Ecoles et religions en Europe*. Paris, éd. Belin, 2005.
- G.M. Thomas
 2004 "Constructing world civil society through contentions over religious rights" *Journal of Human Rights* 3(June):239-251.
- G.M. Thomas
 2004 "Sociological institutionalism and research designs for studying world society," pp. 72-85 in M. Albert (ed.), *Observing International Relations*. London: Routledge.
- G. M. Thomas, L. R. Peck, and C.G. DeHaan
 2003 "Reforming education, transforming religion, 1876-1931," pp. 354-394 in *Secular Revolutions* edited by Christian Smith. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- G. M. Thomas
 2002 "Religious movements, world civil society, and social theory" *Hedgehog Review* 4(Summer): 50-65.
- G.M. Thomas
 2001 "Religions in global civil society" *Sociology of Religion* 62: 515-533.
- J.W. Meyer, J. Boli, G.M. Thomas, and F.O. Ramirez
 1997 "World society and the nation-state" *American Journal of Sociology* 103(July): 144-181.
- J. Boli and G.M. Thomas
 1997 "World culture in the world polity: A century of international non-governmental organization" *American Sociological Review* 62(April): 171-190.
- G.M. Thomas
 1997 "Revivalism and nationalism in the 19th-Century America." *Journal of Christian Thought* 4:73-84. Kosin University, Pusan, Korea. Translated by Ki-Young Shin into Korean.

G.M. Thomas

1996 "Cultural analysis of religious change and movements" *Sociological Inquiry* 66(3):285-302.

G. M. Thomas and D. Jardine

1994 "Jesus and self in everyday life: individual spirituality through a small group in a large church." Chapter 13 in R. Wuthnow (ed.), *Small Groups and Spirituality*, Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans.

G.M. Thomas

1994 "U.S. discourse and strategies in the new world order." Pp. 143-172 in David Jacobson (ed.), *Old Nations, New World: Conceptions of World Order*. Boulder, Col.: Westview Press.

H.A. Walker, L. Rogers, G.M. Thomas, and M. Zelditch, Jr.

1991 "Legitimizing collective action: Theory and experimental results." *Research in Political Sociology* 5:1-25.

G.M. Thomas

1991 "U.S. religious trends in a world polity context, 1948-1988." Pp. 217-246 in W. Clark Roof (ed.), *World Order and American Religion*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Reprinted in *Religion in der Gesellschaft*, Peter Beyer, Editor. Ergon Verlag. 2001.

G.M. Thomas and P. Lauderdale

1988 "State authority and national welfare programs in the world system context." *Sociological Forum* 3 (3): 383-399.

G.M. Thomas

1988 "Cultural contradictions and religious-political movements in the 19th-century United States." Pp. 61-80 in F.O. Ramirez (ed.), *Rethinking the 19th Century: Contradictions and Movements*, Vol X of *Studies in the Political Economy of the World-System Annuals*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press.

G.M. Thomas, *et al.*

1987 Previously unpublished chapters in *Institutional Structure*:

G. M. Thomas

"Revivalism, nationbuilding and institutional change," pp. 297-314.

G.M. Thomas and P. Lauderdale

"World-polity sources of national welfare and land reform," pp. 198-214.

J.W. Meyer, J. Boli, and G.M. Thomas

"Ontology and rationalization in the Western cultural account," pp. 12-37.

- G.M. Thomas, H. Walker, and M. Zelditch, Jr.
1986 "Legitimacy and collective action" *Social Forces* 65 (Dec):378-404.
- H. Walker, G.M. Thomas, and M. Zelditch, Jr.
1986 "Legitimation, endorsement and stability" *Social Forces* 64 (March):620-643.
- G.M. Thomas and J.W. Meyer
1984 "The expansion of the state" *Annual Review of Sociology* 10:461-482.
- M. Zelditch, Jr., W. Harris, G. Thomas, and H. Walker
1983 "Decisions, nondecisions, and metadecisions." Pp. 1-32 in Kriesberg (ed.), *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change*, Vol. 5. Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press.
- F.O. Ramirez and G.M. Thomas
1981 "Structural antecedents and consequences of statism: Synthesis and agenda." Pp. 139-164 in R. Rubinson (ed.), *Dynamics of World Development*, Vol. IV of *Political Economy of the World-System Annuals*. Newbury Park, Cal.: Sage.
Reprinted in G.M. Thomas *et al.*, *Institutional Structure*. 1987.
- G.M. Thomas and J.W. Meyer
1980 "Regime changes and state power in an intensifying world state system." Pp. 139-158 in A. Bergesen (ed.), *Studies of the Modern World-System*. New York: Academic Press.
Reprinted in G.M. Thomas *et al.*, *Institutional Structure*. 1987.
- G.M. Thomas
1979 "Rational exchange and individualism: Revival religion in the U.S., 1870-1890." Pp. 351-372 in R. Wuthnow (ed.), *The Religious Dimension: New Directions in Quantitative Research*. New York: Academic Press.
- G.M. Thomas, F.O. Ramirez, J.W. Meyer, and J. Gobalet
1979 "Maintaining national boundaries in the world system: The rise of centralist regimes." Pp. 187-206 in J. Meyer and M. Hannan (eds.), *National Development and the World System*. University of Chicago Press.
- J.W. Meyer, M.T. Hannan, R. Rubinson, and G.M. Thomas
1979 "National economic development in the contemporary world system, 1950-1970: Social and political factors." Pp. 85-116 in J. Meyer and M. Hannan (eds.), *National Development and the World System*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

PUBLICATIONS: PROCEEDINGS, ENTRIES, BOOK REVIEWS

- 2016 Book Review Essay: The synchronization of national policies: ethnography of the global tribe of moderns, by Pertti Alasuutari, London and New York, Routledge, 2016.
European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology 3(2-3): 375-380.
- 2014 "Global contexts of the structures of everyday life and governmentality." Pp. 16 – 21, Proceedings of the Symposium *To Live in World Society – To Govern in the World State* on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany. http://www.unibw.de/praes/service/presse/publikationen/schriftenreihe-der-universitaet/kolloquienreihe-sowi/at_download/file
- 2012 "Christianity." Pp. 179 – 187 in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization* (G. Ritzer, ed.), London: Wiley.
- 2010 "Chair's Message" *Global Review* The American Sociological Association Global and Transnational Sociology Section Newsletter, Fall.
- 1997 *Constructing the Nation-State: International Organization and Prescriptive Action* by Connie L. McNeely in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 550(March):171-173.
- 1996 "Institutional vs. actor-centered theories of culture: the case of world society." (with J.W. Meyer, J. Boli, and F.O. Ramirez) in *Culture Section Newsletter* of the American Sociological Association.
- 1994 *Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective: Revival of Religious Fundamentalism in East and West* ed. by Bronislaw Misztal and Anson Shupe in *Contemporary Sociology* 23(September):677-678.
- 1993 *Religion and Personal Autonomy: The Third Disestablishment in America* by Phillip E. Hammond, Featured Review in *Contemporary Sociology* 22(September):668-669.
- 1993 *Communities of Discourse* by Robert Wuthnow in *International Review of Modern Sociology* (xx):105-106.
- 1991 *Global Formation: Structures of the World-Economy* by Christopher Chase-Dunn in *American Journal of Sociology* 96(March):1264-66.
- 1990 "Theory and history, culture and state." *Newsletter* of the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association 3(Fall):4
- 1987 *Religion, Rebellion, Revolution* ed. by Bruce Lincoln in *Contemporary Sociology* 16(May):403-404.
- 1986 *The New Christian Right* by R.C. Liebman and R. Wuthnow (eds.) in *American Journal of Sociology* 91(March):1275-1277.
- 1981 *Christian Origins in Sociological Perspective* by H. Kee in *CRUX: A Quarterly Journal of Christian Thought*.

INVITED PAPERS, LECTURES, PANELS, KEYNOTES

- 2023 “How Global Imaginaries Mobilize Religious Responses to World Society.” Invited presentation at the Irvine Comparative Sociology Workshop, University of California, Irvine, Virtual. 6 November.
- 2023 “Irony and Belief in Civic Discourse and Everyday Life.” Invited paper presented at the Sociology Research Seminar, Tampere University, Finland. 22 March 2023.
- 2023 “States of glory.” In the “Emerging Ideas” series at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. February 17.
- 2023 “Irony and Belief in Civic Discourse.” The Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. February 16.
- 2018 Invited Keynote Lecture for Global and Transnational Faculty Research Seminar, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, 28 May.
- 2017 “Making Inferences from Institutional Structures to Human Personhood.” Invited Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, May 8.
- 2016 “Modern Subjectivities, Religious Beliefs, and Irony in Everyday Life.” Invited presentation at the Modern Subjectivities Workshop, organized by Universität der Bundeswehr München and University of Southern Denmark. Dragør, Denmark, 30 September – 2 October,
- 2016 “Global Citizenship and the Religion Question: Issues of Inclusion/Exclusion and Universal/Particular” Presented at workshop on Religion and Global Citizenship. Sponsored by the Luce Foundation and organized by Luce grant PIs. London, UK, 7 – 9 August.
- 2016 “The Impact of World Society Processes and Contentious Politics on Religious Subjectivities and Rights: Concepts for Studying Being Christian in the Middle East.” Invited presenter at the conference *Christians, Christian Churches and Religion in a Changing Middle East: Between World Society and Regional Transformations*, Sponsored by the German Bishops’ Conference and Universität der Bundeswehr München. Rome, 23 February.
- 2016 Co-Moderator, Workshop on the Tension between Modern Christian Subjectivities and Collective Religion at the conference *Christians, Christian Churches and Religion in a Changing Middle East: Between World Society and Regional Transformations*, Sponsored by the German Bishops’ Conference and Universität der Bundeswehr München. Rome, 23 – 26 February. [Co-moderated with Ms. Barbara Soliman, Coptic Orthodox Papal Office for Projects and Relations, Cairo]

- 2016 “Conceptualizing World Culture and Hypothesizing Implications for Religion.” Invited lecture in the Programme in Global & Transnational Studies, University of Tampere. Tampere, Finland, 20 January.
- 2015 “Modern subjectivities, the sacred, and religious identities in everyday life.” Invited participant in research group, *World Society and Modern Subjectivity*, organized by Universität der Bundeswehr München and University of Southern Denmark. Kochel, Germany, 6 – 8 November.
- 2015 “Global citizenship and its uses.” Presented at workshop on *Religion and Global Citizenship*. Sponsored by the Luce grant and organized by Luce PIs. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2 – 4 August.
- 2013 “Global contexts of the structures of everyday life and governmentality.” Invited lecture for the research colloquium “To Live in World Society – To Govern in the World State” on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Universität der Bundeswehr München, München Germany, 4 December.
- 2013 “Institutions, Ontologies, and Global Rationalism” Keynote lecture at the Constructed Complexities Workshop 1: Institutions as social constructs and social construction through institutions, University of Surrey, Guildford UK, 21 June.
- 2013 “Domestication and Cultural Contexts in the World Polity” Lecture / panel for the Social Science Research Group, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, 25 March.
- 2012 “Worldwide models, authority, and local differences” invited keynote address at Power & Difference, 3rd International Conference, Tampere Finland, 27-29 August.
- 2011 “Rationalized Culture and Differentiation: A Sketch.” Invited paper presented at the Isomorphism and Differentiation: From Globalization(s) to World Society Workshop, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Hamburg, Germany, 8 – 9 July.
- 2011 Invited panelist on *After the Globe, before the World* by RBJ Walker. Meetings of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 16—19.
- 2011 “Rationalized cultural contexts of functional differentiation.” Invited paper presented at the 2nd Workshop on Functional Differentiation in International Relations and Sociology, Blankenbach, Germany, 11—12 February.
- 2011 “Making Inferences from Institutional Structures to Human Personhood” Invited paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, February 4.

- 2010 “Processes of International NGO Influence in the World Polity: Empirical Patterns and Theoretical Significance.” Invited colloquium presentation at the Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, November 18.
- 2009 “Rationalized cultural contexts of functional differentiation.” Invited paper presented at the Workshop on Functional Differentiation in International Relations and Sociology, The Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Berlin, December 11—12.
- 2009 “Religions engaging globalization: new religious orthodoxies.” Invited lecture at the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center, Emory University, November 17.
- 2007 “Institutional locations of the sacred in world society.” International, Political, Sociology Conference, IPS-COST, *Sciences Po*, Paris, 26—27 October 2007.
- 2007 “The contested legitimacy of international NGOs: Growth and accountability in local contexts.” University of Göttingen, 22 October.
- 2007 “A Comparative-Historical Study of Religion-State Conflicts over Mass Education,” Invited public talk sponsored by the Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, 4 July. Simultaneous translation provided by the US Embassy.
- 2007 “Religious contentions over global rationalism.” Colloquium presentation, King’s College London, 25 June.
- 2007 “Culture and contention over religious rights in world society” (with Paul Holley), Human Rights and Sociological Institutionalism Colloquium, Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, Cambridge MA, 15—16 June.
- 2006 “Legitimacy and the rise of international nongovernmental organizations: the global and local in South Asia.” Paper prepared for the Conference on Governance and Accountability in International NGOs, Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, November 10—11.
- 2006 “Differentiation, rationalization, and actorhood in new systems and world culture Theories,” Revised 2005 paper presented at Workshop on Macrotheories of World Politics, Bielefeld, Germany, 13-14 May.
- 2006 “Institutional structures and models of human personhood,” Invited talk at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, January 27.
- 2005 “Differentiation, rationalization, and actorhood in new systems and world culture theories,” Invited paper at the New Systems Theories of World Politics Conference, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, September 30 - October 1.

- 2004 “Religious rights and schools in the USA in historical and comparative contexts,” Invited paper presented at the workshop on School and Religions in Europe. *Institut Européen en Sciences des Religions*, Paris, October 15 - 16.
- 2004 “Scripts of terror, scripts of security.” Invited paper presented at the workshop on War Sovereignty and Security Today: The Tensions between Civil Liberties and a Permanent State of Emergency. *Université du Québec à Montréal*, March 15-16.
- 2003 Invited panelist on “The Sociological Turn of International Relations,” International Studies Association meetings, Portland, Oregon, March.
- 2003 “Institutional structures and models of human personhood.” Invited paper presented at the conference on “The Power of Religion in Social Life,” Calvin College, Michigan, January 23-25. Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.
- 2002 “Religious freedom as a cosmopolitan principle? Constructing world civil society through contentions over religious freedoms.” Invited colloquium presentation at the *Centre d’Études et de Recherches Internationales, Sciences PO*, Paris, October 3-4.
- 2002 “Religions, Identities, and Constructing World Society,” Invited paper presented at the Religion and Nationalism Interdisciplinary Conference, Religious Studies Department, Arizona State University, February 16-18.
- 2001 “Regional organization and identities in world society,” Invited paper for the Workshop on “Regionalization and Regionalism in World Society,” Institute for Global Society Studies, Bielefeld, Germany, November 30 - December 2.
- 2001 “Religious movements and religious freedoms in global civil society,” Invited Lecture and Panelist on Culture and Social Theory, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, November 8-9.
- 2001 “Commentary on war, security, and ethics,” invited presentation at the colloquium “Does the State still manage security?” *Centre d’Études et de Recherches Internationales, Sciences PO*, Paris, September 11 - 13.
- 2001 “Reforming education, transforming religion, 1876-1931,” (with Lisa R. Peck) Revised paper presented at the conference, “The Secular Revolution,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 1 - 2.
- 2001 “Global civil society and the participatory self: the case of religious liberty.” Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, February 16.

- 1999 "Theoretical research program on world society," Paper presented at Workshop on Contemporary Theories of World Society, Darmstadt, Germany, November. Funded by the World Society Foundation, Zurich.
- 1996 "The impact of religions and cultural identities on peace and conflict in world society." Panel paper presented at New Ways of Thinking about Peace and Conflict for a New World, Tempe, Arizona, October.
- 1996 "Social movements in rationalized institutional contexts: religions and world culture." Paper presented at the Institutional Analysis Conference, University of Arizona, March.
- 1993 "International organizations." Invited seminar talk, Department of Sociology, Stanford University, February 9.
- 1992 "Global culture and religion." Paper presented at the Conference on Religion, Peace and Global Order, Washington, D.C., November 8-11.
- 1992 "An institutionalist perspective on the changing international system." Invited paper for Panel on Change in the International System by the National Research Council's Committee on Conflict and Cooperation, National Academy of Sciences. Washington, D. C., May 15-16.
- 1991 "Author Meets Critics" for *Revivalism and Cultural Change* at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, New Orleans, November.
- 1991 "Revivalism's shaping of nation building in the 19th-century United States." Invited talk at Conference on American Studies Connecting with Religion, UCLA, May.
- 1991 "World culture and world polity: the context of international non-governmental organizations." Invited talk, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 6.
- 1990 "Author Meets Critics" for *Revivalism and Cultural Change* at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 1989 "Participation in international governmental organizations and nation-state sovereignty." Invited talk, Department of Sociology, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.
- 1989 "Elements of a world system interpretation of religious trends since world War II." Invited talk at the World Order and American Religion Conference, Amherst, Mass.
- 1988 "The global context of state welfare expenditures." Invited talk, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES

2023 “Global ontologies and religious discourse in global public space.” Finnish Sociological Meetings, Tampere, Finland, 24 March.

G.M. Thomas

2019 “Sovereignty, the Sacred, and Religious Resistance in World Society.” Paper presented at the Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 11.

G.M. Thomas

2018 “States of glory.” Paper presented at the Meetings of the International Studies Association, San Francisco CA, April 5.

G.M. Thomas

2017 “Global populism: Empirical, conceptual, and theoretical points of departure.” Global Populism Round Table presentation, Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 13.

G.M. Thomas

2015 “Contentions over Religious Rights in World Society: Emergent Principles in the European Court of Human Rights.” Paper presented at the Meetings of the International Studies Association. New Orleans, 3 – 6 April.

G.M. Thomas

2015 “Modern subjectivities and religion in everyday life.” Presentation at the Meetings of the International Studies Association. New Orleans, 3 – 6 April.

G.M. Thomas

2013 “The Embeddedness and Circulation of Norms in World Cultural Contexts.” Paper presented at the Meetings of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, April 3—6.

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2011 “Muslimism in Turkey and New Religious Orthodoxies: Implications for Theorizing Religious Movements in World Society” Paper presented at the Meetings of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 16—19.

Joshua J. Yates and George M. Thomas

2010 “Global Instrumental Accounts of Catastrophes, Collapses, and Chronic Failures,” paper presented at the Meetings of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 17—20.

Neslihan Çevik and George M. Thomas

2009 “New Religious Orthodoxies and Sites of Hybridity: Muslimism in Turkey.” Paper presented at the national meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, August 8—10.

G.M. Thomas

2007 “Functional differentiation and rationalization in world society” Pan-European International Relations Conference, European Consortium for Political Research, Standing Group on International Relations, Turin Italy, 12—15 September.

G.M. Thomas

2006 “A comparative-historical study of religion-state conflicts over mass education” paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Meetings, San Francisco, April 7—11.

G.M. Thomas

2004 “International organizing for religious rights,” paper presented at the International Studies Association meetings, Montreal, Canada, March.

G.M. Thomas

2003 “Global models of religion: sociological contributions to IR theory,” Paper at the joint meetings of the International Studies Association and the Central and Eastern European International Studies Association, Budapest, Hungary, June 26-28.

G.M. Thomas

2003 “World culture, world politics, and sociology,” Paper presented at the International Studies Association meetings, Portland, Oregon, March.

L.R. Peck and G.M. Thomas

2002 “The urban public school as reality and symbol: how Progressive and Great Society accomplishments shape current policy conflicts over public-nonpublic schools.” Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Meetings, April, 2002.

G.M. Thomas

2001 “Constituting actors in world society” Paper presented at the Fourth Bi-Annual Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Canterbury, UK, September 8-10.

L.R. Peck and G.M. Thomas

2001 “Reforming education, transforming religion, 1876-1931” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, Seattle, April.

G.M. Thomas

2000 “Religion and global civil society,” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August, Washington D.C.

G.M. Thomas, L.R. Peck, and C.G. DeHaan

- 2000 "Educational reform and religion, 1880-1930," Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the AERA, April, New Orleans.
- 1999 "Modernity as immanent salvation religion," Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 5-7, Chicago.
- 1999 "Global institutions and the transnational consumer movement: issues in statistical modeling." (with Yujun Mei) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, April, Portland, Oregon.
- 1999 "Research designs for studying world society," Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, February 17, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 "Endogenous institutional change, contradictions, and conflict: cases of rational moralistic authority." Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- 1998 "Rational moralism and global civil society," Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- 1997 "International non-governmental organizations and the global spread of consumer rights organizations and models" (With Yujun Mei), Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 1995 "Theories of culture: Institutional vs. actor-centered approaches: the case of world society." (with J.W. Meyer, J. Boli, and F.O. Ramirez) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington D.C.
- 1995 "Socio-legal analysis of the International Court of Justice and Human Rights." (with S. Lambert and D. Jacobson) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 1995 "Organizing the world polity: INGOs since 1875." (With J. Boli) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, Chicago.
- 1993 "World culture and international non-governmental organizations." (With J. Boli and Y. Kim) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Miami Beach.
- 1992 "Global culture and religion." Paper presented at the Conference on Religion, Peace and Global Order, Washington, D.C., November 8-11.

- 1992 "The institutional contexts of the life course." Paper presented at Thematic Session on the Life Course at the Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.
- 1991 "Issues in conceptualizing and studying world culture." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, CA, April.
- 1989 "U.S. revivalism, money, and the Greenback Party." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City.
- 1989 "Rational ontology, religious movements, and the world polity." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 1987 "Constructing theories through historical comparisons." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY.
- 1987 "Religious and political movements in historical perspective." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1987 "State formation and global involvement: An analysis of intergovernmental organizations." (With K. Demmitt) Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1987 "Rational ontology and new religious movements." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, Oregon.
- 1986 "Rationalization and the world polity." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, Anaheim.
- 1986 "Individualism and sources of value." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Political-Economy of the World-System section of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 1985 "State authority and national welfare programs: a research agenda." (With P. Lauderdale.) Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1983 "Legitimacy and compliance: effects of validity and propriety." (With H. Walker and M. Zelditch, Jr.) Presented at the West Coast Conference on Small Group Research, San Jose, Ca.
- 1982 "A comparative historical essay on religious movements and political- economic change." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Providence, Rhode Island.

- 1981 "Rationalization and ontology in the evolving world system." (With J. Meyer and J. Boli.) Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Portland.
- 1980 "Structural antecedents and consequences of statism: synthesis and agenda." (With F. Ramirez.) Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Political-Economy of the World System section of the American Sociological Association, Baltimore.
- 1980 "Structural antecedents and consequences of statism." (With F. Ramirez.) Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco.
- 1979 "Regime changes and state power in the world state system." (With J. Meyer.) Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, New York.
- 1979 "Maintaining national boundaries in the world system." (With J. Gobalet.) Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Sacramento.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE (recent / selected)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Civil Society* 2011—2017

Editorial Board, *International Political Sociology*, an official journal of the International Studies Association, 2011 – 2017

Associate Editor, *International Political Sociology*, 2005—2011

Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association
Past-Chair, 2011—2012; Chair, 2010—2011; Chair-elect, 2009—2010

Chair, International Political Sociology Section, International Studies Association, 2005-2006.
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2004-2005.

Executive Board, International Political Sociology Section of the International Studies Association. 2002-2003.

Associate Editor, *Sociological Inquiry*. January 1993 - December, 1996.

Organizer, Presider, Discussant, and Panelist in Sessions at the Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, American Sociological Association, International Studies Association, Pacific Sociological Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion.

Reviewer for:

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Forces, International Political Sociology, Journal of Civil Society, Sociological Perspectives, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Comparative Education, World Development, Social Science Research, International Journal of Comparative Sociology

National Science Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, Austrian National Science Foundation, Volkswagen Foundation, and various University Presses

SERVICE: SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND GLOBAL STUDIES (SPGS), COLLEGE (CLAS) AND UNIVERSITY (recent / selected)

- 2021-2022 Chair, Assistant Professor Search Committee, SPGS
- 2020-2021 Advisory Committee, SPGS
Graduate Examining Committee, International Relations
- 2019-2020 Advisory Committee, SPGS
Chair, Assistant Professor Search Committee, SPGS
Graduate Examining Committee, International Relations
- 2015-2020 Faculty Honors Council, Barrett Honors College
Faculty Honors Advisor, Barrett Honors College, Global Studies
- 2015-2018 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair: Global Studies Faculty
Graduate Committee, Political Science
- 2012-2014 Head of Faculty, Global Studies Program
Advisory Committee, SPGS
Chair, Assistant Professor Search Committee, SPGS
Director Search Committee, SPGS
Academic Standards, CLAS
Undergrad Committee, Chair, Global Studies
Undergrad Committee, Political Science
- 2009-2012 Personnel Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair, Global Studies Faculty
Leadership and Planning Committee, Global Studies Faculty
Academic Standards, CLAS
- 2003-2009 *School of Global Studies selected service:* Interim Director, Associate Director, Executive Committee, International Internships Ad Hoc Committee (Chair), Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Chair), Faculty Review & Mentoring Committee, Steering Committee for establishing the School of Global Studies, and various other ad hoc and search committees.
- 1981 – 2004 *Sociology Department selected service:* Honors Undergraduate Advisor, Personnel Committee, Graduate Committee, and various ad hoc committees.

MENTORING

Dissertation/Thesis Committees:

Ph.D.: 22 (Chair of 11)
M.A.: 37 (Chair of 20)

Graduate Examining Committee: International Relations (Political Science); Global Political and Cultural Processes (Sociology); Organizations (Sociology)
Undergraduate Honors Theses, Chair and Committee Member.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
International Studies Association
International Jacques Ellul Society

INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

Institute for Humanities Research, 2009/2010. "Comparative Accounts of Catastrophes, Collapses, and Chronic Failures." Co-PI, Stephen H. West.
Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, 2003. "Muslim Identities in Europe and European Responses: Shifting Boundaries of the Sacred and the Secular." Co-PIs: Carolyn Warner (Political Science), Anthony Gill (U. Washington), Steven Pfaff (U. Washington).
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 1996. "Inter-Dynamics of Korean Christianity and National Identity."
University Research Award, Arizona State University, 1987. "Rationalization, State Authority and Welfare Programs."
Summer Research Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, 1986. "National Welfare Programs and State Expansion."
Faculty Grant-in-Aid, Arizona State University, 1985. "The Greenback Movement and Revivalism."
Faculty Mini-Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, 1985. Travel and consultation for event-history analysis.
Faculty Grant-in-Aid, Arizona State University, 1982. "State Authority and Welfare Expenditures."
Stanford University Graduate Scholarship, 1973-74.

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

Luce Foundation, August 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017, \$460,382, L. Cady, J. Carlson, R. Doty, Y. Saikia, G.M. Thomas (co-PIs). "Religion and Global Citizenship Initiative"
NSF – Directorate for Social, Behavioral/Economic Science (SBE), January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010. Co-PI: "The Dynamics of Religion and Conflict: A Multidisciplinary, Empirical Approach." PI: Steve Neuberg, ASU Psychology Department. \$707,964.40.

Pew Charitable Trust, 1999. "Educating the Modern Citizen and the Transformation of Religion." Subcontract to "Religion and the Social Construction of Public Life," Christian Smith, PI. \$48,850.

Pew Evangelical Scholarship Initiative, 1992-1993, "Religious Change in the Context of Globalization and the Nation-State." \$30,000

Lilly Endowment, 1991, "Sun Belt Evangelical Study." Subcontract to George Gallup International Institute's Project on Small Groups--Key to Spiritual Renewal, Robert Wuthnow, PI. \$5,000

Arizona Humanities Council Summer Seminar Grant, 1991. "The First Amendment and Religion in America." \$12,000

National Institute of Mental Health Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1979-81

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1974-77