

# Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 5:30pm**

**Manchester Ballroom B, 2nd Level**

## **Theodore C. Bestor**

**AAS President**

Theodore Bestor is the Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology at Harvard University, and is currently also the Director of the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies. He is a specialist on contemporary Japanese society and culture, focusing much of his research on Tokyo.



In 1973, he received his B.A. from Fairhaven College of Western Washington University, where he met his wife, Victoria Lyon (Bestor), with whom he has collaborated on research, publications, and many other projects over the years. He received his Ph.D. in 1983 from Stanford University.

In 2000, he founded the Society for East Asian Anthropology as a unit within the American Anthropological Association (AAA). Bestor joined the faculty at Harvard University in 2001. He previously taught at Cornell University, at the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies, and at Columbia University. He was Staff Director for Japanese and Korean Studies at the Social Science Research Council before starting his teaching career.

Among his books are: "The Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society," with Victoria Lyon Bestor and Akiko Yamagata (Routledge, 2011); "Tsukiji, The Fish Market at the Center of the World" (University of California Press, 2004; Japanese edition, Kirakusha, 2007); "Doing Fieldwork in Japan," with Patricia G. Steinhoff and Victoria Lyon Bestor (University of Hawai'i Press, 2003); and "Neighborhood Tokyo" (Stanford University Press, 1989).

### 2013 Awards

- ◆ AAS Award for Distinguished Contributions to Asian Studies to be presented to David Plath, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*.
- ◆ The Franklin Buchanan Award given by the Committee on Teaching About Asia.
- ◆ The AAS Book Prizes include: Cohn, Coomaraswamy (South Asia); Becker, Benda, and Kahin (Southeast Asia); Hall (Japan); Palais (Korea); and the Smith and two Levenson prizes (China and Inner Asia).