

# SMALL CITIES

Past, Present, and Future

September 14-15, 2001

Sponsored by the Center for Middletown Studies, Ball State University  
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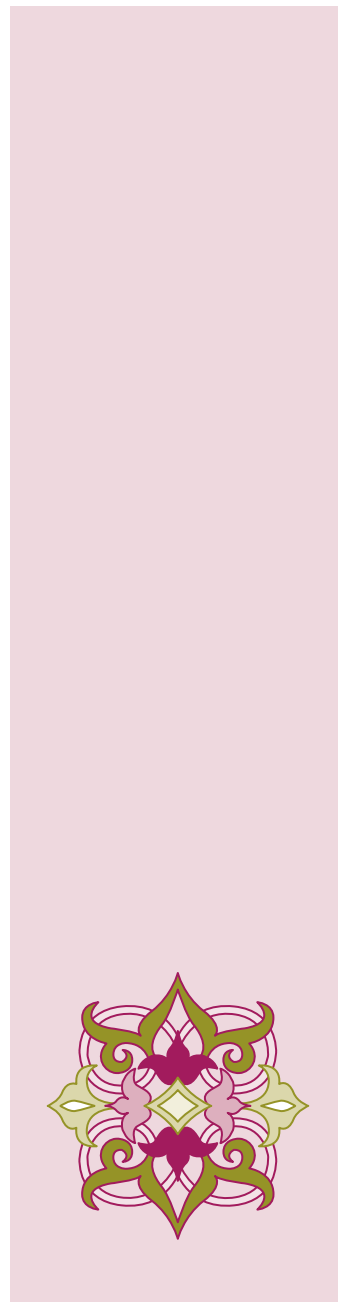
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## Friday, September 14, 2001

### Noon-1:00 P.M.

Registration and Book Display,  
Cantina, Minnetrista Cultural Center

**Registration Fees: \$45 advance registration  
or \$55 on-site registration:** Includes  
attendance at all sessions, conference  
reception at the home of Ball State President  
Blaine A. Brownell, continental breakfast, and  
luncheon on Saturday.

**\$30 single-day registration:** Friday includes  
sessions and reception. Saturday includes  
sessions, continental breakfast, and luncheon.

Ball State students may attend any of the  
conference sessions for free by showing their  
student identification cards.

Checks should be made payable to Ball State  
University. Participants may also pay with  
Master Card or VISA.

### 1:00-2:30 P.M.

#### Session 1: Creating Community in Midwestern Small Cities

Large Conference Room, Minnetrista Cultural  
Center

**Craig Coenen**, Lehigh University, "Civic Pride,  
Civic Boosterism, and Professional Football in  
Four Small Towns, 1920-1933"

**Arthur Meyers**, director, Russell Library,  
Middletown, Connecticut, "The Striking of  
Mind Upon Mind: Courage and Public  
Learning in Terre Haute and Hammond in  
the 1920s"

**Moderator/Commentator:** James Connolly,  
associate professor of history, Ball State

#### Session 2: The African-American Experience in Small Cities: Middletown as a Case Study

Indiana Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

**Brian L. Fife**, associate professor of public  
affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University,  
Fort Wayne, "Toward Integrated Public  
Schools in Middletown and Beyond"

**Jack S. Blocker**, professor of history, Huron  
College, University of Western Ontario, "Why  
Didn't More African-Americans Settle in  
Muncie, Indiana?"

**Moderator/Commentator: Dwight W.  
Hoover**, director emeritus, Center for  
Middletown Studies, Ball State

#### Session 3: Economic Development and the Small City: A Roundtable Discussion

Ball Room, third floor, E. B. and Bertha C. Ball  
Center, Ball State University

**Moderator/Commentator: Hurley C.  
Goodall**, former member, Indiana General  
Assembly and visiting scholar, Center for  
Middletown Studies, Ball State

**Panelists: Drew Klacik**, policy analyst, Center  
for Urban Policy and the Environment, IUPUI  
**David Kaufman**, program manager, Indiana  
Association of Community and Economic  
Development

**Jamie Palmer**, policy analyst, Center for  
Urban Policy and the Environment, IUPUI

2:45-4:15 P.M.

Session 4: “The First Measured Century:”  
Middletown Returns to PBS  
Indiana Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

Theodore Caplow, Commonwealth Professor  
of Sociology, University of Virginia

Howard Bahr, professor of sociology,  
Brigham Young University

Louis Hicks, associate professor of sociology,  
St. Mary’s College of Maryland

Moderator/Commentator: Bruce Geelhoed,  
director, Center for Middletown Studies,  
Ball State

Session 5: Law Enforcement in Small Cities:  
A Roundtable Discussion  
Ball Room, third floor, E. B. and Bertha C. Ball  
Center, Ball State

Panelists: Oatess E. Archey, sheriff, Grant  
County, Indiana  
William C. Ervin, special agent in charge  
(retired), Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
adjunct professor of criminal justice, Butler  
University

Moderator/Commentator: Bryan D. Byers,  
associate professor of criminal justice and  
criminology, Ball State

4:30-6:00 P.M.

Conference reception at the home of Blaine  
A. Brownell, president of Ball State University  
and professor of history and urban planning

EVENING

Dinner at local restaurants with conference  
hosts (sign-up at registration)

Saturday, September 15, 2001

7:30-8:30 A.M.

Registration and continental breakfast  
Cantina, Minnetrista Cultural Center

8:30-10:00 A.M.

Bus tour of Muncie  
Bus leaves from the Minnetrista Cultural  
Center

8:30-10:00 A.M.

Session 6: Imagining the City  
Large Conference Room, Minnetrista Cultural  
Center

German T. Cruz, assistant professor of  
landscape architecture, Ball State, “Getting  
There: Part Two/From Feudalism to Futility to  
Fragmentation to Wholeness/Conceptual  
Solutions for the Mending of the Muncie  
Urban Fabric”

Diane Shaw, Carnegie Mellon University,  
“Sorting the Small City: Early 19th Century  
Rochester, New York”

Moderator/Commentator: Thomas A.  
Mason, director of publications, Indiana  
Historical Society

Session 7: Community Variations in the  
Size and Scope of the Nonprofit Sector  
Indiana Room  
Minnetrista Cultural Center

Kirsten Grønbjerg, Efroymson Chair in  
Philanthropy, Indiana University

Laurie Paarlberg, School of Public and  
Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

Moderator/Commentator: Douglas A.  
Bakken, executive director, Ball Brothers  
Foundation

10:15-11:45 A.M.

Session 8: Urban Growth and the Small City  
Large Conference Room, Minnetrista Cultural  
Center

Hannah McKinney, Kalamazoo College,  
“Rocks and Hard Places: Industrial  
Development in the Land of the NIMBY”

Mark D. O. Adams, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, “Preserving Community Identity  
through Landscape Protection: The Evolution  
of Local Growth Control in Boulder, Colorado,  
and Implications for the Mid-Size City in the  
Metropolitan Region”

Moderator/Commentator: Greg Lindsey,  
associate director, Center for Urban Policy  
and the Environment, IUPUI

Session 9: Crisis in the Small City:  
Boosterism in the Gilded Age  
Indiana Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

Kathleen A. Brosnan, University of  
Tennessee, “In the Shadow of a Metropolis:  
Colorado Springs, the Wealthy, Consumptive,  
and a Directed Booster Strategy”

Timothy R. Mahoney, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln, “The Best City in the West:  
The Crisis of the Booster Ethos in Lincoln,  
Nebraska, and Small Cities in the Midwest in  
1880s and 1890s”

Sharon E. Wood, University of Nebraska-  
Omaha, “The Wickedest City in America:  
Commercial Vice and Urban Ambitions, 1880-  
1910”

Moderator/Commentator: Kathleen Neils  
Conzen, professor of history, University of  
Chicago

Session 10: Religion and Politics in the  
Small City  
Ball Room, third floor, E. B. and Bertha C. Ball  
Center, Ball State

Joseph Tamney, professor of sociology, Ball  
State, “Church Growth in the Small City”

George Saunders, coordinator, Muncie  
Interfaith Council, “Developing an Inter-racial  
Coalition of Churches in a Small City”

Christopher Jaffe, Northern Illinois  
University, “The Ku Klux Klan and  
Middletown”

Moderator/Commentator: Stephen  
Johnson, professor of sociology, Ball State

Noon-1:00 P.M.

Luncheon, Minnetrista Cultural Center Cantina

1:00 P.M.

Keynote Address: “The Changing Shape of  
Small Town America,” Kenneth T. Jackson,  
Jacques Barzun Professor of History and the  
Social Sciences, Columbia University  
Indiana Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

Jackson is one of America’s leading urban  
historians. He is the author of Crabgrass  
Frontier: Suburbanization in the United  
States (1985), and The Ku Klux Klan in the  
City, 1915-1930 (1972). He is the editor of  
several other studies, including The  
Encyclopedia of New York City (1995), Cities  
In American History, with Stanley K. Shultz  
(1972), and American Vistas, with Leonard  
Dinnerstein (1971).

2:15-3:45 P.M.

Session 11: Planning in Small Cities:  
Challenges, Opportunities, Resources  
Indiana Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

Nancy Pekarek, director, Planning  
Department, City of Valparaiso, Indiana

Larry Maggliozi, Department of Community  
and Economic Development, South Bend,  
Indiana

Tom Higgins, director, Planning and  
Economic Development, Marion, Indiana

Moderator/Commentator: J. Paul Mitchell,  
chairperson, Department of Urban Planning,  
Ball State





**Session 12: Regionalism and the Small City Context in Central Indiana: A Roundtable Discussion**

Large Conference Room, Minnetrista Cultural Center

**Panelists:**

**John J. Kirlin**, director, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, IUPUI  
**Greg Lindsey**, associate director, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, IUPUI  
**Drew Klacik**, policy analyst, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, IUPUI

**Moderator/Commentator: Sally Jo Vasicko**, professor of political science, Ball State

**Session 13: Contemporary Policy Issues in the Small City**

Ball Room, 3rd floor, E. B. and Bertha C. Ball Center, Ball State

**R. Tiny Adams**, member, Indiana House of Representatives and **Owen R. Glendening**, president, Minnetrista Cultural Center, “Creating a Public/Private Partnership for the Development of Recreation and Tourism in Delaware County”

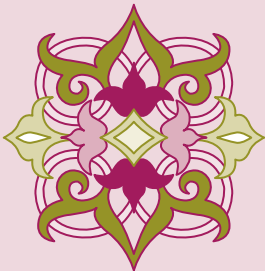
**Kathy Segrist**, associate director, Institute of Wellness and Gerontology, Ball State, “Community Center for Vital Aging: Assessing Community Needs in Middletown, U.S.A.”

**Moderator/Commentator: John Straw**, director, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State

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The Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) will run a shuttle from the Architecture Building to the Minnetrista Cultural Center during the conference. The schedule for departures and arrivals is as follows:

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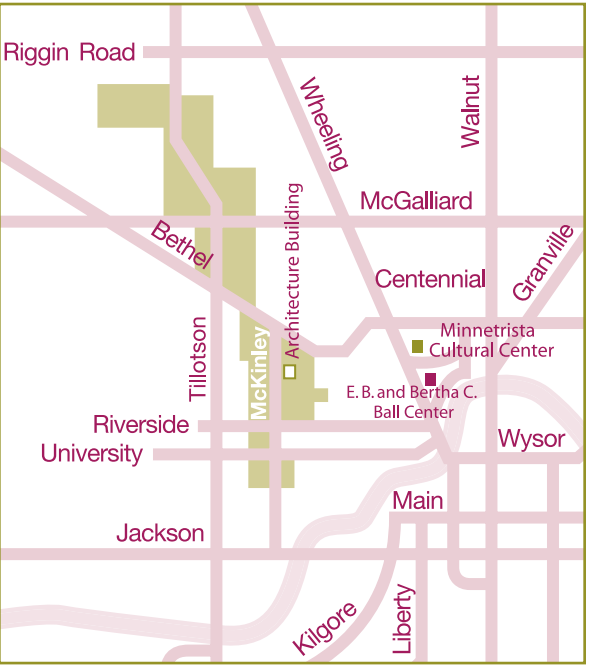
Architecture	Minnetrista
12:45 P.M.	12:50 P.M.
2:20 P.M.	2:25 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	4:15 P.M.

**Saturday, September 15**

Architecture	Minnetrista
8:15 A.M.	8:20 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:05 A.M.
11:50 A.M.	11:55 A.M.
12:50 P.M.	12:55 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:05 P.M.
	3:45 P.M.

**Key**

- Architecture Building
- Minnetrista Cultural Center
- E. B. and Bertha C. Ball Center



The shuttle will also transport conference participants from the Minnetrista Cultural Center to the Bracken House for the reception at the president’s home on Friday. The shuttle will leave Minnetrista at 4:20 P.M. and arrive at the Bracken House at 4:30 P.M. Another shuttle will depart from Bracken House at 6:00 P.M. and return to Minnetrista at 6:10 P.M.

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