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Preregistration fee is \$35, which includes attendance at all sessions, refreshments, and the continental breakfast and luncheon on Saturday, September 13. Registration is due on or before **August 15, 2003**. The registration charge after August 15 is \$45 for the conference and \$30 for single-day registration. Checks should be made payable to Ball State University.

Students and faculty, including emeriti faculty, of Ball State University and members of Minnetrista may attend the sessions at no charge but purchase a separate ticket for the luncheon at \$10, if they choose.

Preregistration (includes conference sessions, continental breakfast and luncheon on September 13)	\$35
Single-day registration	\$20
Saturday conference luncheon (if separate from the registration charge)	\$10

**Total amount included** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form with payment to:

Bruce Geelhoed, coordinator  
Small Cities Conference  
Center for Middletown Studies  
Ball State University  
2000 W. University Ave.  
Muncie, IN 47306



## Muncie accommodations

Please identify yourself as attending the Small Cities Conference. Reservations should be made by August 12, 2003, to ensure rooms and rates. Conferees are encouraged to make their lodging reservations as soon as possible.

### Best Western Muncie

3011 W. Bethel · Muncie, IN 47304  
(765) 282-0600 · Fax: (765) 282-0377

### Super 8 Motel-Muncie

3601 W. Fox Ridge Lane · Muncie, IN 47305  
Phone and fax: (765) 286-4333  
Toll-free reservations: 1-800-800-8000

### Comfort Inn of Muncie

4011 W. Bethel Avenue · Muncie, IN 47305  
Phone and fax: (765) 282-6666

### Signature Inn

3400 N. Chadham Lane · Muncie, IN 47304  
Phone and fax: (765) 284-4200 or 1-800-822-5252  
E-mail: Muncie@signature-inns.com · No rooms available for September 12. Reservations must be made by August 15.

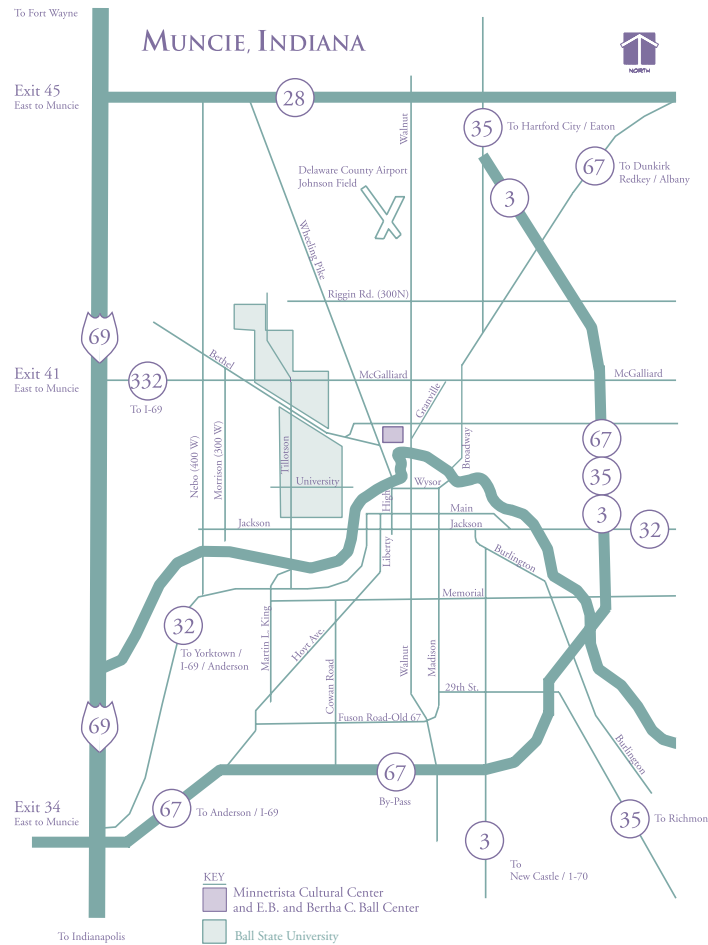
### Radisson Hotel Roberts

420 S. High Street · Muncie, IN 47305  
Phone: (765) 741-7777 · Fax: (765) 747-0067  
Toll-free reservation: 1-800-333-3333  
Reservations available until September 5.



## How to Reach Muncie

The closest airports are in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Dayton, Ohio. Traveling time from these airports to Muncie is approximately 90 minutes. All major car agencies have offices at the airports.



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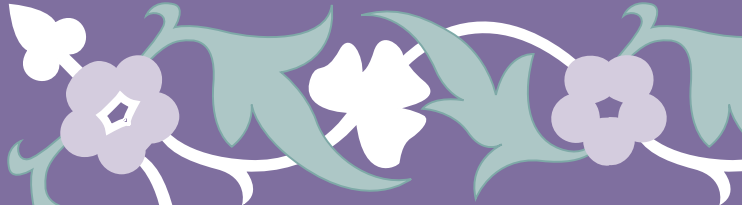


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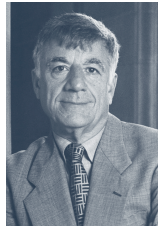
The third annual Small Cities Conference, co-sponsored by the Center for Middletown Studies at Ball State University and Minnetrista, aims to explore the unique challenges that have confronted and still confront municipalities with populations between 40,000 and 100,000.

The conference will feature two outstanding speakers: Juan Williams, journalist and author, and Alan Wolfe, director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and professor of political science at Boston College. Mr. Williams is the author of "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965" (New York: Penguin, 1988) as well as "Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary" (New York: Times Books, 1998). He is also a senior correspondent for National Public Radio and a political analyst for Fox News. Dr. Wolfe is the author of many studies, including the forthcoming book, "The Transformation of American Religion" (New York: The Free Press, 2003) as well as "One Nation After All" (New York: Viking, 1998), which provided a compelling portrait of American customs, beliefs, and attitudes at the end of the twentieth century.

Other featured conference participants include Susan Neville and Michael Martone, two writers of fiction who have written extensively on the small city experience; urbanists Peter Sorant and Robert Whelan of the University of New Orleans; and historian Joseph Rodriguez of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Conference participants will include social scientists, humanists, urban planners, and public officials.



Juan Williams



Alan Wolfe

The conference will be held September 12-13, 2003, at Ball State University and at Minnetrista Cultural Center.

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### Session Titles and Participants

Sessions will be held at the Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, telephone (765) 282-4848 and on the Ball State campus.

### Friday, September 12

10 a.m., Ball State University

#### Session 1: The Use of Priorities Conventions in Policy-making in Slidell, Louisiana

**Panelists:** **Peter E. Sorant**, associate professor, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans

**Robert K. Whelan**, professor, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans

**Moderator/Commentator:** **J. Paul Mitchell**, professor emeritus of Urban Planning and past chairperson, Department of Urban Planning, Ball State University

10 a.m., Ball State University

#### Session 2: Roundtable Discussion: "The American Dream: Myth or Reality"

**Co-Moderators:** **Anthony J. Costello**, FAIA, fellow at the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry; **Brianne Bergemen**, fourth year architecture student, Ball State

**Panelists:** **Toni and Bradley Bookout**, Bookout Builders, L.C., Muncie; **Jud Motsenbocker**, JUD Construction, Muncie; **Todd Rottman**, AIA, Rottman Architects, Indianapolis; **Harold Baker III**, AIA, Baker Architects, Terre Haute; **Jeffrey P. Hellman**, AIA, HELMAN Architecture + Design, Elkhart; and **Alan Simmons**, Simmons Construction, Muncie

Noon, Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Registration

The conference will feature an exhibit prepared by Anthony J. Costello, FAIA, Irving Distinguished Professor of Architecture and fellow, Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State, which was produced for the Muncie Southside Charette '03. Professor Costello's students were also involved in the charette and the preparation of the exhibit.

1:15-2:45 p.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Session 3: Problems of Suburbanization in Midwestern Small Cities

**Paper Presentations:** **Joseph A. Rodriguez**, associate professor of history and urban studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, "Latinos in the Suburbs: Work and Housing in Waukesha, Wisconsin"

**Heather A. Barrow**, doctoral candidate in history, University of Chicago, "The Automobile and Transit in Henry Ford's Hometown, 1920-1940"

**Moderator/Commentator:** **Thomas A. Mason**, vice president, Indiana Historical Society Press

#### Session 4: Writing Muncie's African-American Community: A Panel Discussion

**Panelists:** **Eric Lassiter**, associate professor of anthropology, Ball State University

**Hurley Goodall**, community leader and former member, Indiana General Assembly

**Beth Campbell**, adjunct faculty, Department of Anthropology, Ball State University

**Michelle Johnson**, graduate assistant, Department of Anthropology, Ball State University

**Moderator/Commentator:** **C. Warren Vander Hill**, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Policy Studies, and former provost, Ball State University

3:15-4:45 p.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Session 5: Jack and Diane-Two American Kids Doing the Best They Can: Readings from the Heartland

**Presenters:** **Susan Neville**, professor of English, Butler University

**Michael Martone**, professor of English, University of Alabama

**Moderator/Commentator:** **Joseph F. Trimmer**, director, Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry and professor of English, Ball State University

5-6 p.m., E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center

#### Reception for conference participants, hosted by Ball State's President Blaine A. Brownell

6:00 p.m., Dinner on your own

A list of Muncie's popular restaurants, with directions, will be available at the registration desk at the Minnetrista Cultural Center.

8:00 p.m., Public Address

#### Public Address: "Diversity Comes to Small Cities: the Changing Face of America"

**Juan Williams**, journalist and author of "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965"

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Ball State University

### Saturday, September 13

7:30-8:15 a.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Registration and continental breakfast

8:15 a.m., Welcome

**Remarks by the Hon. Dan Canan**, mayor of Muncie

**Remarks by Owen Glendening**, president, Minnetrista

8:30-10:00 a.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Plenary Session: African-American History in Iowa's Small Cities

**Presentations:** **Willis J. Gowdy**, emeritus professor of sociology and census studies, Iowa State University, "Socio-economic Conditions of African-Americans in Iowa's Small Cities"

**Lynda Walker-Webster**, administrator, housing department, Des Moines, Iowa, "The History of African-American Social Organizations in Iowa's Small Cities"

**Hal S. Chase**, professor of history, Des Moines Area Community College, "African-American Community Building in Iowa's Small Cities"

**Moderator:** **Juan Williams**, journalist and author

**Commentator:** **William Silag**, editor, "Outside In: African-American History In Iowa", and administrator, Iowa Department of Education

10:15-11:45 a.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Session 6: A Round-Table Discussion of Alan Wolfe's "The Transformation of American Religion"

**Presenter:** **Alan Wolfe**, director, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College

**Moderator:** **Stephen D. Johnson**, professor of sociology, Ball State University

**Commentators:** **Joseph Tamney**, professor emeritus of sociology, Ball State University

**George Saunders**, coordinator, Citywide Church Network, Muncie, Indiana



Noon, Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Luncheon

**Anthony Costello**, FAIA, and **Irving Distinguished Professor of Architecture at Ball State**, will give a brief overview of the Muncie Southside Charette '03. He will also offer some insight into how the recommendations and graphic images produced as a part of this effort will be used in the coming months to guide the future economic redevelopment of Muncie's south side.

1:00-2:00 p.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Keynote Address: "Are We Still One Nation?"

**Alan Wolfe, director**, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College

2:30-4:00 p.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center

#### Session 7: "Magic Town" and "Middletown": Social Research and the Small City Ideal

**Presenters:** **Michael William Doyle**, associate professor of history, Ball State; **Jennifer Parchesky**, assistant professor of English, Arizona State University

**Commentator:** **John Bodnar**, director, Center for History and Memory, and chair, Department of History, Indiana University

**Moderator:** **Owen Glendening**, president, Minnetrista

#### Session 8: Historical Perspectives on the Small Cities Experience in Ohio

**Paper Presentations:** **Jacalynn Welling**, assistant professor of history, Malone College, "Local Resistance to Public Housing in Smaller Cities: The Case of Canton, Ohio"

**Kevin Bower**, adjunct faculty, University of Cincinnati, "Community, Youth, and the Limits of New Deal Reform in Small Ohio Cities, 1935-1943"

**Moderator/Commentator:** **Janet Bednarek**, associate professor of history, University of Dayton, and secretary, Urban History Association