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.

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Other featured conference participants include Susan Neville and Michael Martone, two Kent State University graduates whose work focuses on the small city experience; urban planner Robert Whitelam 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.

**Session Titles and Participants**

**Session 1: The Use of Priorities Conventions in Policy-Making in Small Cities**
Panellists: Peter E. Saarst, associate professor, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans; Robert E. Metcalfe, professor, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Kentucky.

** Moderator/Commentator:** J. Paul Mitchell, professor of English, Butler University

**Session 2: Roundtable Discussion: “The American Dream: Wealth or Reality?”**
Co-Moderators: Anthony J. Costello, FHA, Fellows at the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry; Brianne Bergemen, fourth year architecture student, Ball State
Panellists: Tony and Bradley Bookout, Bookout Builders, LC, Muncie; Jill Menkenbrock, B.S. Construction Management, Muncie; Todd Rottmann, KA; Rotman Architects, Indianapolis; Harold Baker III, KA; Baker Architecture; Tony Kasper, Illinois; Jeffrey P. Holland, FAIA; Holland Architecture; Design, Eastlake, and Alan Simmons, Simmons Construction, Muncie.

**Session 3: Problems of Suburbanization in Midwest Small Cities**
Heather A. Barnes, doctoral candidate in history, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “In the Suburbs: Work and Housing in Waukesha, Wisconsin”
Moderator/Commentator: Thomas A. Mason, vice president, Indiana University

**Session 4: Writing Muncie’s African-American Community: A Panel Discussion**
Panellists: Eric Sassine, 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.

** Moderator/Commentator:** C. Warren Vander Hill, distinguished professor of environmental policy studies, and former provost, Ball State University

**Session 5: Jack and Diane—Two American Kids Doing the Best They Can: Readings from the Heartland**
Panellists: Susan Neville, professor of English, Butler University; Michael Martone, professor of English, University of Dayton, and secretary, Urban History Association

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

**Session 6: A Round-Table Discussion of Alan Wolfe’s “The Transformation of American Religion”**
Panelists: Eric Sassine, 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.

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**Session 7: “Magic Town” and “Middletown”: Social Legislation and the Small City**
Co-Moderators: Owen Glendening, commentator, National Public Radio; Alan Simmons, professor of history, Malone College, “Local Resistance to Public Housing in Smaller Cities”
Panelists: Hal S. Chase, professor of History, Oceana Area Community College, “African-American Community Building in Iowa’s Small Cities”

** Moderator:** Joseph K. Williams, journalist and author

**Commentator:** William McG. ed., “Guide to African-American Social Organizations in Iowa’s Small Cities”

**Hall A, Chaos:** presenter, Indiana University, “Race in African-American Social Organizations in Iowa’s Small Cities”

**Session 8: A Historical Perspective on the Small Cities Experience in Ohio**

** Moderator:** William J. Kline, professor of history, Ohio State University, “The History of African-American Social Organizations in Ohio’s Small Cities”

** Hall B, Chaos:** presenter, History Department, Baldwin-Wallace, “African-American Social Organizations in Ohio’s Small Cities”

** Moderator:** Thomas A. Mason, editor, American History in Iowa’s Small Cities

** Session 9: Luncheon**
Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. at the Minnetrista Cultural Center.

** Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Registration for conference participants will be held at Ball State’s President Blaine A. Brownell Reading Room from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

**A Luncheon for conference participants, hosted by Ball State’s President Blaine A. Brownell**
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**Session 10: Voluntary Associations and Urban Policy, 1860–1920**
Panelists: Beth Campbell, adjunct faculty, Department 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.

** Moderator/Commentator:** C. Warren Vander Hill, distinguished professor of environmental policy studies, and former provost, Ball State University

** Session 11: A panel discussion of Writings on “The Changing Face of America”**
Panelists: Juan Williams, journalist and author, and Troy P. Davis, professor of history, Ball State University, “The Changing Face of America”

** Moderator/Commentator:** Thomas A. Mason, vice president, Indiana University

** Public Address:** “African-American in Ohio’s Small Cities: The Changing Face of America”
Juan Williams, journalist and author of “ Eyes on the Prize: America’s Civil Rights Years, 1954–1965.”

** Cardinal Hall B**
Luncheon for conference participants, hosted by Ball State’s President Blaine A. Brownell.

**Session 12: A Roundtable Discussion of Alan Wolfe’s “The Transformation of American Religion”**
Panelists: Alan Wolfe, director, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College; Richard Peterson, director, Minnesota Foundation; Robert Whitelam, editor, “Outside In: African-American Community Studies”

** Moderator:** Thomas P. Johnson, professor emeritus of sociology, Malone College, “Local Resistance to Public Housing in Smaller Cities”

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