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Small Cities Conference

Small Cities Conference, sponsored by the Center for Small Town Studies, Ball State University, and the National Center, aims to explore the unique challenges small towns have confronted and still confront municipalities with populations between 40,000 and 100,000.

University Press, 1985), will be the one who was scheduled to give the keynote address at the All Cities Conference in September 2001, but had to be postponed due to the terrorist attacks in New York City. Conference participants include The

will be held November 1-2, 2002, at Ball State University's Minnetrista Cultural Center.

**Registration and contact information:**  
 Registration: [www.minnetrista.org](http://www.minnetrista.org)  
 Contact: [info@minnetrista.org](mailto:info@minnetrista.org)


## 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.

**Panelists:** Doug Furbree, owner-operator, ACE Hardware, New Castle, Indiana  
Steven D. Gentry, mayor, Crawfordsville, Indiana

This session will also include a viewing of the documentary, *Store Wars*, produced by Micha Peled.

Some of the conference presentations. The exhibit will be available for viewing at the Minnetrista Cultural Center.



1:15-2:45 P.M. Minnetrista Cultural Center

**Panelists:** **David Bodenhamer**, executive director, The Polis Center, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis  
**Sharon Kandris**, Social Assets and Vulnerabilities Indicators (SAVI) Project lead, The Polis Center  
**Cynthia Cunningham**, geographic information systems (GIS) analyst, The Polis Center

**Michael C. Jarrell**, director of automated services, Bracken Library, Ball State University, "Confronting the White Plague: The Outbreak of Tuberculosis in Delaware County, Indiana in 17-1905"

**Session 4: Land Use in Central Indiana: Scenarios of Economic Development**

**Panelists:** **John J. Kirlin**, director, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

Session 5: **Marian Doesn't Work Here Anymore: Redefining Roles for Libraries in Small Cities**  
Panelists: Virginia Nilles, director, Muncie Public Library

Special Collections, Ball State University

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6 P.M., E. B. and Bertha C. Ball Center

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Reception for conference participants, hosted by President Elaine A. Brownell

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5-7:30 P.M., Minnetrista Cultural Center

Performance by the Ball State Saxophone Quartet, led by Professor George W. Wolfe, Ball State School of Music

**Saturday, November 2**

3:30–8:15 A.M., Minnetrista Cultural Center

## Binary Session: A Separate Universe: The Quest to Define the Small City

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

**Facilitator/Commentator: Stephen Johnson**, professor of sociology, Ball State University

**Moderator: Stephanie Beswick**, assistant professor of history,

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A black and white photograph of a street scene in New York City. On the left, a building features a large sign for "USEHOLDANCE" and "MENS TOWNS". A street sign on a pole in the foreground reads "USEHOLDANCE" and "MENS TOWNS". On the right, a tall building has a vertical sign that reads "WOOLWORTH'S". The street is paved and there are some small structures or awnings visible.

A black and white photograph of a street scene. In the foreground, a dark car is partially visible on the left. The street has white lane markings and arrows. In the background, several cars are driving. On the right side of the street, there is a gas station with a sign that says 'GAS'. The image is framed by a thin black border.

themed, Kenneth F. Jackson, Jacques Barzun Professor of History and the Social Sciences, Columbia University. Presiding will be Blaine A. Brownell, president, Ball State University

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**2:15–3:45 P.M., Minnetrista Cultural Center**

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**Session 8: Getting There: Transportation Issues in Small Cities**

**Hannah McKinney**, professor of economics, Kalamazoo College, "How Can We Redevelop If You Won't Help Us: Transportation and the Revitalization of Brownfields"

**William C. Barnett**, graduate student, University of Wisconsin, "Transportation Connections and Disconnections for an Island City: The Changing Debate in and out of New West, Florida"

**Paper Presentations:** David Kirchner, associate professor of history, Millikin University, "Urban Regimes in the Small City: Changing a Big-City Model to Fit a Small-City World"

Benjamin Nelson Reames, graduate student, Columbia

**Moderator/Commentator:** Cecil E. Bohannon, professor of economics, Ball State University

**Moderator/Commentator:** Molly Ford Flodder, executive director, TEAMWork for Quality Living, Muncie, Indiana



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Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration fee is \$45, which includes attendance at all sessions, refreshments, and the continental breakfast and luncheon on Saturday, November 2. There is a separate charge for the conference dinner on Friday, November 1. Registration is due on or before September 15, 2002. The

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| Pre-registration (includes conference and luncheon) | \$45 |
| Conference dinner, Friday, November 1               | \$25 |

Please indicate whether you have any special

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| Core-registration charge | \$10 |
| Total amount included    | \$   |

**Send completed form with payment to:**  
 Bruce Geelhoed, coordinator  
 Small Cities Conference  
 Center for Middletown Studies

A black and white photograph showing a large crowd of people, mostly women wearing hats, gathered in front of a building. Several flags are visible hanging from the building's facade. The scene appears to be a formal or public event.



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Accommodations

Reservations must be made by October 1, 2002, to ensure rooms and rates. The weekend of the Small Cities Conference is also family Weekend at Ball State University. Conferees are encouraged to make their lodging reservations as soon as possible.

**Best Western Muncie**

**Super 8 Motel-Muncie**  
3601 W. Fox Ridge Lane • Muncie, IN 47304  
Phone and fax: (765) 286-4333  
Toll-free reservations: 1-800-800-8000

**Comfort Inn of Muncie**  
4011 W. Bethel • Muncie, IN 47305

3400 N. Chadham Lane • Muncie, IN 47304  
Phone and fax: (765) 284-4200 or 1-800-822-5252  
E-mail: [Muncie@signature-inns.com](mailto:Muncie@signature-inns.com)

**Ramada Inn**  
3400 S. Madison Street • Muncie, IN 47302  
(765) 288-1911

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