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Leonard Blussé, professor of history and Asian–European relations at Leiden University, The Netherlands, will give the first keynote address April 16, titled “Daughters of the Rivers: Secondary Cities in the Eurasian and East Asia.” Blussé is the author of numerous books, the most recent of which is Visible Cities: Canton, Nagasaki, and Batavia and the Coming of the Americans (2008).

Author Richard L. Wachter will give the second keynote April 18, titled “Caught in the Middle.” Longworth is senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and distinguished visiting scholar at DePaul University. He is the author of Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism (2008). For additional information, please visit www.bsu.edu/middletown or contact James J. Connolly, Director Center for Middletown Studies 2401 Library Room 206 Ball State University Muncie, IN 47306 Phone: 765-285-8037 Fax: 765-285-3571 E-mail: jonnj@bsu.edu

Sessions

With the exception of the keynote address, the April 16 and 17 sessions will be on the C.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center and North Middletown Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-8975. The first keynote will be in the Forum Room, Bracken Library, room 225, on the East State University campus. Sessions and the second keynote address on April 18 will be in the Indiana Room at Middletown, 1000 North Middletown Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-4846.

Thursday, April 16

E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center. 400 North Middletown Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-285-8975

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration

10–11:30 a.m. Session 1: Premodern Urban Networks

Hyune Park, City University of New York, “Urban Networking of Port Cities in the Indian Ocean Commercial System Represented in Geographic and Cartographic Works in China and the Islamic World from 750 to 1500.”

Elizabeth Larmour, DeMontford University, “Kathua Networks: The Ottoman Caliphate and the Indian Ocean.”

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Session 2: Port Cities in Premodern Asia

Sebastian R. Prange, University of London, “Port Cities in Premodern Asia: Commercial System represented in Geographic and Cartographic Works in China and the Islamic World from 750 to 1500.”


3:40–5 p.m. Session 3: Secondary Cities as Global Cities

Dare Morrison, Salem State University, “Citizens of the World: Equity-seeking Communities and the Riverine System in the Middle East,” 1780–1844.”

Amy Scott, Bradley University, “The Origins of the Administrative Rating System in Qing Territorial Administration.”

4:40–7 p.m. Session 4: Cities/Peripheral Cities

Aurea Toxqui, Bradley University, “Taverns and their Influence on the Growth of Small Cities.”

Pamela Hamood, Ball State University, “Archival and interpretive Research Strategies for Understanding the Industrial Landscape of a Small City.”

8 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Registration

10:30–11:30 a.m. Session 5: Colonial Urban History

Aurea Toxqui, Bradley University, “Taverns and their Influence on the Growth of Small Cities.”

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11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Session 6: Secondary Cities in Colonial Contexts

Michel Tellier, University of Le Havre, “Second-Class Cities in Colonial Contexts: The Case of the Panama Canal.”


2:45–4:15 p.m. Session 7: Urban Growth and Economic Development in the American Midwest

Michael Hicks, Center for Business and Economic Research, Ball State University, “Do Growth Models Explain Midwestern City Growth Differences? Evidence from a Panel of Small Lakes Cities.”

Tom Lehman, Division of Social Sciences, Indiana Wesleyan University, “Examining Household Income in Rural Midwest Counties.”

Saturday, April 18

Indiana Room, Middletown, 1200 North Middletown Parkway, Muncie, Indiana, 765-282-4848

Saturday sessions are free and open to the public.

8:30–10 a.m. Session 7: Philanthropy and Social Services in Contemporary American Small Cities

Ama A. Ali, University of Illinois–Chicago, “Community Development Corporations: A Responsive Strategy to Racial Change in the Urban Fringe.”


10:30–noon Session 8: Reconsidering the Contemporaneous American Small City

Catherine Turner, independent scholar, “LED Lights, Small Cities: Revisiting Urbanism on a Global Scale.”

Pamela Hamood, Ball State University, “Archival and interpretive Research Strategies for Understanding the Industrial Landscape of a Small City.”

Russo Garrett, city planner, Fort Wayne, Indiana, “Small Cities That Are Large but Behave Small.”

Neon–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Session 9: Urban Growth and Economic Development in the American Midwest


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10 a.m.–3 p.m. Session 10: Social Services in Contemporary American Small Cities

Michael Hicks, Ball State University, “Archival and interpretive Research Strategies for Understanding the Industrial Landscape of a Small City.”

Neon–1 p.m. Lunch

1–2:30 p.m. Session 11: Contemporary Urban History

Amy Scott, Bradley University, “Taverns and their Influence on the Growth of Small Cities.”

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