

22nd Conference on the Small City and Regional Community

October 16-17, 2019

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Theme:

***“Population Dynamics—Implications for Small Cities,
Towns, and Rural Areas”***

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Featured Speaker (101 Chemistry Biology Building)

1. **Sarah Kemp, Applied Population Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison**
“Wisconsin’s Demographic Changes: The Impact on Schools and their Communities”
Abstract: Rural areas of the state face several challenges including maintaining population size due to an aging population and declining numbers of children and young adults. These demographic changes in Wisconsin are impacting school districts across the state, especially in rural areas. This presentation looks at the demographic shifts between small cities and rural areas and the effects of those changes on schools and their communities.

Thursday, October 17, 2019, Concurrent Sessions

2. **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SMALL CITY (211 Dreyfus University Center)**

Moderator: Douglas M. Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee

Speakers:

Bryce Lord, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee; Mary Beth Collins, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, UW-Madison; and Douglas M. Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee

“Introducing the Wisconsin Nonprofit Resources Group (WisNRG): Helping Small Cities and Communities through a collective of Wisconsin non-profit-serving organizations and an inventory of resources”

Mary Beth Collins, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, and Garret Zastoupil, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, UW-Madison

“The Civic Health of Wisconsin: An Inaugural Report”

Douglas M. Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management; Bryce Lord, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee; and Mike Ford, Department of Public Administration, UW-Oshkosh and Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee

“Rolling Out the Wisconsin in Brief”

3. LOCAL SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT (Room 374 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Sonny Smart, Department of Sociology & Social Work, UW- Stevens Point

Speakers:

Edmund M. Henschel, Public & Non-profit Administration, UW-Milwaukee
“Municipal Shared Service Methodology”

Carrie Diamond, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.
“Maximizing the Potential of Older Adults in Your Community”

Anna Haines, Center for Land Use Education, UW-Stevens Point
“Social and Physical Planning to House Adults Aging in Place”

Margaret M. Bau, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stevens Point, WI
“Homecare Cooperatives in Rural Areas: The Example of Wautoma, Wisconsin”

4. CANDIDATES AND ELECTIONS IN SMALL CITIES AND TOWNS (Room 378 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Saemyi Park, Department of Political Science, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

James Simmons, Department of Political Science, UW-Oshkosh
“Polarized Wisconsin: The Urban, Suburban, Rural Divide”

Dan Hill, Jenny Erickson, Victoria Solomon, and Melissa Kono, Local Government Center, UW-Extension, Madison
“Recruiting the Next Generation of Elected Leaders”

Matthew Temitope Adewole, McPherson University, Nigeria; Seriki-Sotayo, Ogun State University, Nigeria; and Adeyemi Temileyi Adewale, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria
“Rolling out Nigerian Politics and the 2019 General Elections: Participation of Internally Displaced Persons by Boko Haram Insurgency”

5. VITALITY AND RESILIENCY IN SMALL CITIES (Room 211 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: John Shook, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, University of Dubuque

Speakers:

Will Kratt, Associate Principal and Practice Group, ISG La Crosse; Jason Gilman, Director of Planning, Development and Assessment, City of La Crosse; and Danyelle Pierquet, Landscape Architect, ISG, Green Bay
“Right Sizing Infrastructure and Development: Data-driven Decisions for Livable and Financially Sustainable Communities”

Tony Onyishi, Department of Public Administration & Local Government, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and Obinna Nweke, Department of Public Administration, University of Abuja, Nigeria

“Between Identity and Welfare: Neighborhood Watch Associations and Cross-Cultural Civic Solidarity in the Coal City, Enugu”

Amy Wiza, Stevens Point-Esteli, Nicaragua Sister City Project; Anton Anday, Stevens Point-Rostov Veliki, Russia Sister City Project; Leon Ostrowski, Stevens Point-Gulz, Poland Sister City Project; Aaron Kadoch, School of Design, UW-Stevens Point

“The Central Wisconsin Cultural Commons: Building Community and International Relations”

6. HEALTH CARE IN SMALL CITIES AND RURAL AREAS (Room 374 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Edward J. Miller, Center for the Small City, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

Jaime Collins, Communications and Marketing, Southwest Health Center, and John Grummel, Department of Political Science, Upper Iowa University

“An Assessment of Community Health Needs Assessment? (CHNA): Implementation Related to Building Capacity for Sexually Marginalized Individuals within Rural Healthcare Organizations”

Casper G. Bendixsen, National Farm Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, Marshfield, WI *“Raising Rural Communities’ Risk Conscientious: Leveraging Fire and EMS in Preventing Agricultural Injury and Death”*

Edward J. Miller, Center for the Small City, UW-Stevens Point

“Potential Consequences of Small City and Rural Area Physician Shortages”

7. ETHNIC DIVERSITY (Room 378 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Ismaila Odogba, Department of Geography & Geology, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

Halyna Lemekh, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, St. Francis College, New York City

“Palisades Park, New Jersey: ‘Immigrification’ of an American Town”

Melissa Kono, Community, Natural Resources, & Economic Development, UW-Extension, Madison

“Latino Immigration and Downtown Development: A Case Study of Abbotsford and Arcadia, WI”

Maggie Boem-Jordan, Department of Sociology & Social Work, UW-Stevens Point

“English or Espanol? Latino Immigrants’ English Proficiency and Migration Patterns”

Matthew Temitope Adewole, McPherson University, Nigeria; and Seriki-Sotayo, Ogun State, Nigeria

“Rolling out Impact of Herdsmen Activities on Population Dynamics of Selected Small Towns in Nigeria”

8. LOCAL GOVERNANCE – COUNCILS, COURTS, AND SCHOOLS (Room 211 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: James Simmons, Department of Political Science, UW-Oshkosh

Speakers:

Douglas M. Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee; Michael Ford, Department of Public Administration, UW-Oshkosh; and Brian Cherry, Northern Michigan University

“Understanding Different Types of Conflict Experienced by Council Members in Small Communities in Wisconsin”

Scott Letteney, Public Administration, UW-Milwaukee and City Attorney, Racine, WI; and Douglas Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee

“Understanding the Attitudes and Beliefs of Wisconsin Municipal Judges in Small Communities”

Michael R. Ford, Department of Public Administration, UW-Oshkosh, and Douglas M. Ihrke, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee

“What’s Unique About Rural Charter Schools?”

9. ISSUES AND POLICY CONCERNS IN SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS. (Room 374 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Anna Haines, Center for Land Use Education, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

David Helpap, Department of Public & Environmental Affairs, UW-Green Bay

“Public Management in Rural Local Governments: An Assessment of Institutional Differences and Implications”

Gaylene Rhoden, Administrator, Town of Rib Mountain, WI

“The Consolidation of Municipal Services: SAFER”

Robert Enright and David Chunyu, Department of Sociology & Social Work, UW-Stevens Point

“Growth and Decline of Young Adult Populations in Wisconsin Urban and Rural Counties”

10. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Room 378 Dreyfus University Center)

Moderator: Brad Mapes-Martin, Department of Political Science, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

Ben Greuel, Wilderness Society's Arctic Refuge Campaign, Milwaukee Wisconsin
"The Fight for the Arctic Refuge: Impacts to Indigenous Rights and Sustainability in America's Serengeti"

Krishna Roka, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Winona State University
"Small Cities and Climate Change: How the Bottom-up Approach Might Work in the United States"

Aaron Kadoch, School of Design, and Bo DeDeker, School of Business and Economics, UW-Stevens Point
"RuralPlex—A Sustainable Concept for Central Wisconsin: Presenting A New Paradigm in Municipal Management to Meet the Sustainable Needs of Growing Populations and Eco-Citizenship"

11. CENTRAL WISCONSIN MAYORS: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (Room 378)

Moderator: Edward J. Miller, Center for the Small City, UW-Stevens Point

Panelists:

Robert B. Mielke, Mayor, Wausau, WI
Zach Vruwink, Mayor, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Mike Wiza, Mayor, Stevens Point, WI

12. SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND POVERTY (Room 211))

Moderator: David Chunyu, Department of Sociology & Social Work, UW-Stevens Point

Speakers:

Duane Greuel, Operation Bootstrap, Stevens Point, WI
"Finding Community Support When You Lose Your Personal Support: The Operation and Importance of a Community Food Pantry"

Lois Lawler and Mary Ann Krems, League of Women Voters, Stevens Point, WI
"A Study of Poverty in a Small City: The Case of Stevens Point, Wisconsin"

Brad Casselberry, University Archives, UW-Stevens Point; Doug Miskowiak, GIS Center, UW-Stevens Point
"Identifying Immigration Settlement Trends in Stevens Point Using Historical Census Data"

13. CHALLENGES FOR LIVABLE SMALL CITIES (Room 374)**Moderator: Bob Wolensky, Center for the Small City, UW-Stevens Point****Speakers:****Sam Dinga, Diversity and College Access, UW-Stevens Point***“Community Building in Small Cities: How Africans in Diaspora Make a Home Away from Home”***Cathy Dugan, Alderperson, City of Stevens Point, WI, and Mark Kordus,
Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, City of Stevens Point, WI***“Building Small City Neighborhoods: The Case of Stevens Point”***Tori Jennings, Alderperson, City of Stevens Point, WI***“Promoting Policy Changes in Small Cities”***Joyce Hoelting, Extension Center for Community Vitality, University of Minnesota***“Attracting and Retaining ‘Brain Gain’ Newcomers to Rural Places: Evidence from a Survey of Recent Movers in Minnesota”*