

17th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community

November 5 – 6, 2008

Dreyfus University Center (DUC)
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Theme: Social and Economic Development in the Small City

Sponsored by the UWSP Center for the Small City

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

7 PM – 8: 30 PM, Laird Room, DUC

Welcome to the Conference: Edward J. Miller, UW-Stevens Point

Welcome to UWSP: Mark Nook, Provost & Vice Chancellor, UW-Stevens Point

Introduction of Featured Speakers: Robert P. Wolensky, UW-Stevens Point

Featured Speakers:

Matt Kures, GIS Specialist & Lecturer, and **Greg Wise**, Director & Community
Development Specialist, Center for Community & Economic Development, University of
Wisconsin-Extension, Madison

“The Role of Small Cities in the New Regional Economy”

Thursday, November 6, 2008

10 AM – 11: 45 AM

Panel I Health Care Issues in Small Cities and Towns (Room 378, DUC)

Moderator:

Edward J. Miller, Department of Political Science, UW-Stevens Point

Panelists:

Brenda Diamond, Ministry Health Dental Clinic, Stevens Point, WI, “Portage County’s
Impending Dental Crisis and Steps Being Taken to Meet the Problem.”

Daniel McCarty, Health Sciences, UW-Stevens Point, “The Obesity
Pandemic: From the South Pacific to Stevens Point”

Edward J. Miller, Department of Political Science, UW-Stevens Point, “Small
Communities Face the Looming Physician Shortage”

Faye Tetzloff, Health Officer, Portage County, WI, “The Big Health Picture in Small
Communities”

Panel II Environmental Issues (Encore Room, DUC)

Moderator:

Smantha Kaplan, Department of Geography and Geology, UW-Stevens Point

Panelists:

Amy Heart, Programs Directors, Midwest Renewal Energy Association, ""The Eco-Municipality Movement in Small Cities and Towns"

Anna Haines, College of Natural Resources, UW-Stevens Point

“Creating Livable Communities as an Economic Development Strategy”

Neil Heywood, Department of Geography, UW-Stevens Point, “Small Communities, Social Needs, and Global Environmental Change—Water, Food, Health, and Infrastructure”

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1 PM – 2:45 PM

Panel III Central Wisconsin Mayors Forum: Social and Economic Development in Central Wisconsin (Room 374, DUC)

Moderator:

Edward J. Miller, Department of Political Science, UW-Stevens Point

Panelists:

Andrew Halverson, Mayor, Stevens Point, WI

Mary Jo Carson, Mayor, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Chris Meyer, Mayor, Marshfield, WI

James Tipple, Mayor, Wausau, WI

Panel IV Social vs. Economic Development in Small Cities and Towns:

Can We Have Economic Growth and Social Sustainability? (Encore Room, DUC)

Moderator:

Robert P. Wolensky, Department of Sociology, UW-Stevens Point

Panelists:

Karl Pnazek, CEO, CAP Services, Inc. Stevens Point, WI

Ray Nass, CEO (Retired) of Joerns Furniture Inc., Stevens Point, and Apollo Industries, Somerset, WI

James Simmons, Professor of Political Science, UW-Oshkosh

Robert Williams, Owner, Ideas Associates, Stevens Point, WI

The conference is open **free of charge** to the UWSP community and the general public.

Center for the Small City, Edward J. Miller and Robert P. Wolensky, Co-directors

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