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Summary: The 2012 Symposium on Small Towns will take place on June 14 on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus.

(May 30, 2012)-The 2012 Symposium on Small Towns will take place June 14 on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus. This year's theme focuses on challenges and opportunities for rural leadership development: *Reigniting Community Leadership: Being Bold in the Face of Change*.

This year's Symposium includes a variety of presentations and panels, and features internationally renowned speaker, facilitator, and rural development expert Luther Snow. For more than 35 years, Snow, the "[Good Groups Guru](#)", has helped groups and communities make positive change together and work for the common good. As a rural resident from northeast Iowa, Snow understands that rural residents and leaders care passionately about our communities. He helps them to recognize their local and regional advantages, and to focus on "ruralness" as a strength rather than a weakness. Over lunch, Snow will speak on the topic *The Bold in You: Positive Leadership in Practice*. The purpose of his talk is to tie together theory and practice, to reveal how much we already know about good leadership, and what can be done next.

The Symposium will also feature a panel on positive practices in how we talk about rural places. Panel members will include Dave Peters of Minnesota Public Radio, Kathy Callies of the Rural Learning Center, and Patrick Moore of Clean Up the River Environment. Break-out sessions will include approximately 30 separate presentations on critical issues in rural development and leadership.

Registration for the Symposium is available online at morris.umn.edu/cst/symposium/2012. Cost to attend the day-long event is \$65, and full scholarships are available through the website.

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