

# DISTRESSED CITIES

RIDENOUR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE 2012  
School of Public and International Affairs // 12-13 April 2012 // Blacksburg VA

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Join us for two days of critical and creative thinking about Distressed Cities at the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech, sponsored by the Ridenour Faculty Fellowship.

The conference suggests a broad interdisciplinary exploration of the concept of distressed cities that triggers synergies and creative possibilities. Join faculty, students, guest speakers, practitioners and residents from the Blacksburg region in discussions on theoretical approaches and practical experience, and their implications for research, policy, and practice.

Featured guest speakers:

Robert Beauregard, Director of the Urban Planning Program, Columbia University

Carol Becker, Dean of the School of the Arts, Columbia University

Valerie Lemmie, former City Manager of Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio

Ken Reardon, Director of the Graduate Program in City & Regional Planning, University of Memphis

Please find the conference program online at [distressedcities.wordpress.com](http://distressedcities.wordpress.com)

We will provide lunch at the conference, please **RSVP** to help us organize this.

SPIA strives to integrate scholarship and practice to continuously inform, question, and advance knowledge in the public sphere. The Fellowship fund in honor of Mr. Minnis Ridenour fosters the creative advancement of faculty in the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech.

Come and join us for this event. The conference is free and open to the public. We are looking forward to your participation!