



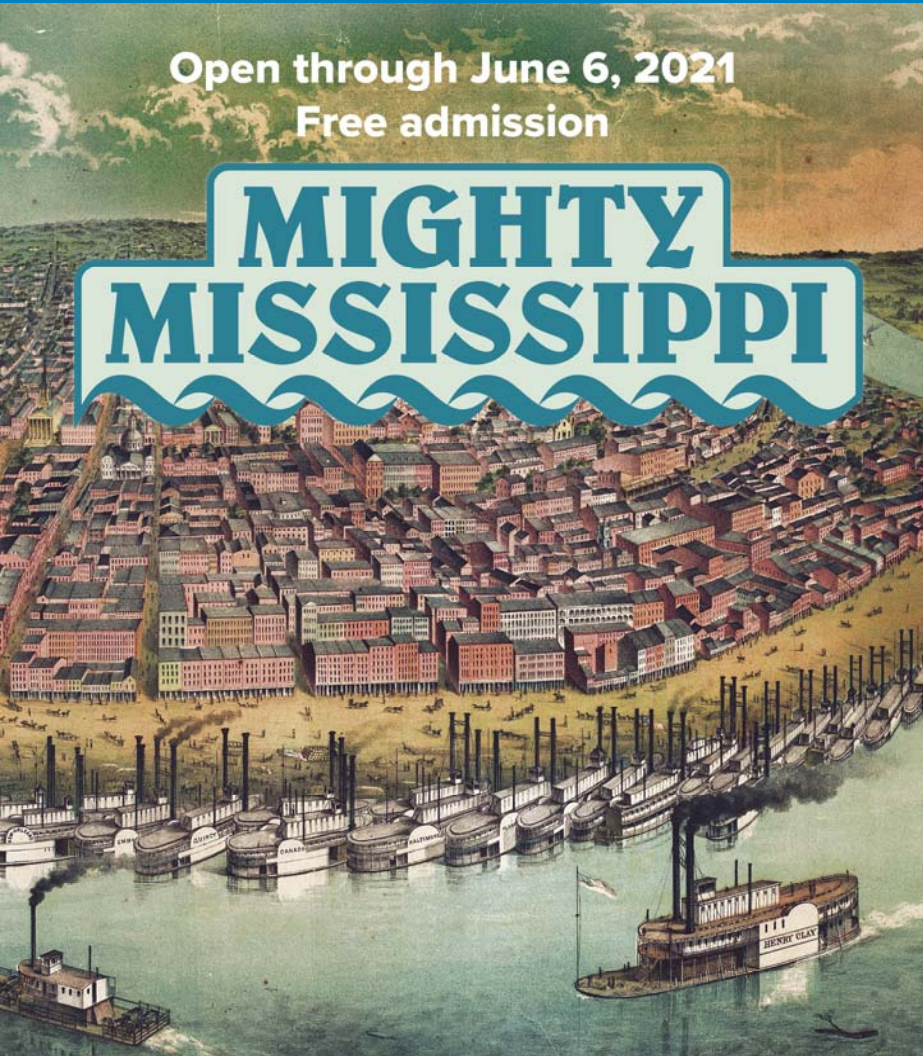
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# Day One: State of the River

*April 19, 2021*

## Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Frances Levine, President, [Missouri Historical Society](#)

Myra Jackson, Founder, [Global Being Foundation](#)

Words of Wisdom from Chief Caleen Sisk, Spiritual Leader & Chief, [Winnemem Wintu Tribe](#)

David Lobbig, Curator of Environmental Life, Missouri Historical Society : Mighty Mississippi Exhibit *Virtual Tour*

**Moderator:** Joseph Robertson, Founder and President, [The Geoversiv Foundation](#)

## Panel One: Status of the Mississippi River

Kimberly Lutz, Executive Director, [America's Watershed Initiative](#), "Mississippi River Watershed Report Card"

Olivia Dorothy, Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Program, [American Rivers](#), "America's Most Endangered Rivers Report 2020"

## *Interlude and Special Video Presentation: A Vision for Freshwater Forever*

*Sandra Postel, 2021 Water Laureate, Author, Founder of [Global Water Policy](#)*

## Panel Two: Citizen Monitoring and Stewardship of Waterways

R. John Dawes, Executive Director, [The Commons](#)

Holly Grimm, [Dynamiculture.io](#) ecosystem monitoring "dashboard"

## Panel Three: Toward a Healthy Freshwater Biome

Mary Culler, Executive Director, [Missouri Stream Teams Watershed Coalition](#)

Sharon Deem, Ph.d., DVM, Director, [Saint Louis Zoo Institute for Conservation Medicine](#)

Suzi Steer, Education and Alliances, [TreeSisters](#)

Youth Rapporteur Summary: [Samantha Brewer, Colorado College](#)



## Day Two: Governance

*April 20, 2021*

### Welcome and Introductions

Emily Underwood, Missouri Historical Society

### Panel One: Leading the Challenge in River Cities

Honorable Errick Simmons, Mayor, *City of Greenville, Mississippi*

Colin Wellencamp, Executive Director, *Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative*

### Interlude: When They Blew the Levee - Pinhook, Missouri

Elaine Lawless, Professor Emeritus, *University of Missouri*

David Todd Lawrence, *University of St. Thomas - St. Paul MN*

### Panel Two: Flood Management and Resilience

**Moderator:** Olivia Dorothy, Director of the Upper Mississippi River Basin, American Rivers

Jessica Ludy, *US Army Corps of Engineers*, Sacramento District

Dámaris Villalobos-Galindo, *Valley Water*

Colleen Suter, *Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation*

Brandon Parsons, Rivers of Puget Sound & Columbia Basin, *American Rivers*

### Panel Three: Freshwater Biomes - The Work

Moderator: Laura Madden

Abu Bakr Moulta-Ali, US Environmental Protection Agency, *Urban Waters Federal Partnership*

Emma Klues, *Great Rivers Greenway*

Colette Pichon Battle, *Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy* Mary Culler, Executive Director, *Missouri Stream Teams Watershed Coalition*

Youth Rapporteur Summary: **Jesse Vogel**, Ohio State Moritz Law

## Day Three: **Protecting the River**

*April 21, 2021*

### Welcome and Introductions

Emily Underwood, Missouri Historical Society

### Panel One: **Fierce Civility - A River Runs Through It**

Joe Weston, Executive Director, *Fierce Civility Project*

### Interlude - Dance and Verse: *Harmony is Our Nature*

Danielea Castell, D. Castell & Company

### Panel Two: **Earth Law - Protecting Nature**

Moderator: Grant Wilson, *Earth Law Center*

Monti Aguirre, *International Rivers*

Gary Wockner, *Save the Colorado*

Catherine Iorns Magallanes, *Victoria University of Wellington NZ*

### Panel Three: **Law/Community Organizing, Local Legislation, Courts, Lessons and Pathways**

Moderator: Emily Underwood

Marsha Moutrie, Santa Monica City Attorney 1996-2016

Christopher Clark, Midwest Region, *EarthJustice*

Youth Rapporteur Summary:

## Day Three: **Protecting the River**

*April 21, 2021*

### Panel Four: **Those Who Walk with the Water - Stories from the Gulf to the Headwaters**

Moderator: Emily Underwood

Maggie Lorenz, Executive Director, *Lower Phalen Creek Project & Wakan Tipi Center*

Tracy Fredin, Director and John Shepard, Associate Director

*Center for Global Environmental Education*, Hamline University

Basia Irland, Professor of Art and Art History, *University of New Mexico*

***A READING OF THE PEOPLE'S RESOLUTION HONORING THE GREAT RIVERS  
MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI - Danielea Castell***

Youth Rapporteur Summary: **Samantha Lorca, Colorado College**

## Day Four: Food and Agriculture

*April 22, 2021*

### Welcome and Introductions

Lindsay Newton, Missouri Historical Society

### Panel One: Watershed Resilience through Food Waste Reduction and Food Justice

**Moderator:** Bob Henkel, Program Director, *earthday365*

Maggie McCoy, Education & Volunteer Coordinator, *Earthways Center*

Nicholas Speed, CEO & Founder, *Ujima St. Louis*

Heru Adeleke, *Heru Urban Farming*

### Panel Two: Regeneration - Farm and Freshwaters

**Moderator:** Lynn Peemoeller, *Food Systems Planning LLC, Lecturer/Washington University*

Melissa Vatterott, Food & Farm Policy Director, *Missouri Coalition for the Environment*

Holly Grimm, Permaculture Farmer, Dine (Navaho Tribe), Data Science

Ashlen Busick, Regional Director, *Socially Responsible Agriculture Project*

### Panel Three: Law/Community Organizing, Local Legislation, Courts, Lessons and Pathways

**Moderator:** Lynn Peemoeller

Dr. Maris Brenn-White, Research Fellow, *Saint Louis Zoo Institute for Conservation Medicine*

D'Ann Williams, *Center for Livable Future*, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health

Erica Willams, Founder and Executive Director, *A Red Circle*

Youth Rapporteur Summary: Isabel Marshall, Colorado College

## Day Five: Lifestyles in Harmony with Nature

*April 23, 2021*

Bonus Interview: Libby Reuter, *Watershed Cairns*

### Welcome and Introductions

Lindsay Newton, Missouri Historical Society

### Panel One: Repairing the Harm Done - Plastics Pollution

Jenny Wendt, Tri-City Plastics Initiative Program Director, *Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative*

Rachel Bartels, *Confluence Waterkeeper*

### Interlude - Messages from Global Confluence Cities

City of St. Louis; St. Louis County, MO; City of Lyon, France; City of Conversano, Italy; Italian Senate,

### Panel Two: Toward a Fashion Revolution with No Harm

Sara Carvagnero, Executive Director, *ren collective*

Marc Yaggi, Executive Director, *Waterkeepers Alliance*

### Panel Three: Restoring the Great Rivers in One Generation

Moderator: Myra Jackson

Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager, MO Botanical Gardens Earthways Center

Suzi Steer, Education and Alliances, TreeSisters

Youth Rapporteur Summary: *Daniel Wechsler*