

# International Conference on Rivers and Civilization Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Major River Basins

**Special Sessions Free and Open to the Public**

**June 25 & 27, 2006**

La Crosse Center, South Hall, La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Sunday, June 25, 7-9 p.m.**

**Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address**

*Why the World Runs on Water*

Jared Diamond, Professor of Geography at the University of California at Los Angeles and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his widely acclaimed book, *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, will be the featured keynote speaker.

Tickets (maximum of 10/party) at no cost to the public are available at the La Crosse Center Box Office (Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.–3 p.m.) and UW-La Crosse Office of Continuing Education, 205 Morris Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> & State (Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m.).

Out-of-town guests can request ticket information by calling 1(866)895-9233.

**Tuesday, June 27**

**1:15–3 p.m. & 3:30–5:15 p.m.**

**Topical Sessions**

Concurrent sessions will explore Mississippi-Mekong Partnership, Waters of Wisconsin, Restoration of Historical River Front, Historical Ecology, Ecosystem Restoration on the Mississippi, Public Involvement in River Management and more.

**3–6 p.m.**

**Artists & Exhibits**

Invited regional artists will display and have for sale artwork and photography featuring river themes. The Lewis & Clark exhibit from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium will be one of many agency, organization, and museum exhibits.

**7–8:45 p.m.**

**Native American Story Telling**

Joe Campbell, Dakota Elder and cultural educator, will engage the audience with his stories.

**TOURS:** The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and four other tours covering culture, history, archaeology and the river are open to the public for a small fee.

For more information, including how to register for the tours, please visit our Web site:

[www.Rivers2006.org](http://www.Rivers2006.org) or call toll-free **1(866)895-9233**.

