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| 9:00  | WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS  
Jon Kilpinen, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Valparaiso University  
Mark Bouman, CHP President |
| 9:30  | The Intersections of Industrial Heritage, Folklore, and History  
Stephen Paul O'Hara, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH |
| 10:30 | BREAK / EXHIBITS  
Selections from the Brauer Museum on the Calumet Region will be presented by Gregg Hertzlieb, Museum Director/Curator |
| 11:00 | Legacies Of Cultures, Conflicts, and Resolutions In The Making Of The Calumet Region  
"I've had to take my .45 over to that St. Kevin's": Black Veterans and Integration of Public Housing in Postwar Chicago  
Lionel Kimble, Chicago State University  
The Social Impact of Migrations of Cultural Communities into the Calumet Region, Gregory Jones, Valparaiso University  
Preserving Prehistoric Sites in the Calumet Region, Ronald Janke, Valparaiso University |
| 12:15 | LUNCH |

**Bus Tour**

Join us for a guided tour Preserving Prehistoric and Environmental Heritage in the Calumet Region with geographer Ron Janke of Valparaiso University. The bus will leave the Harre Student Union immediately after lunch and will return at approximately 5:00 PM. There is an additional $10.00 fee for the bus tour. If you can't make the bus tour, CHP recommends the 5th Annual Greening of the Arts Show on Oct 23rd and 24th at the Hammond Environmental Center.

**Registration Information**

Register by mail, phone, or online at [www.calumetheritage.org](http://www.calumetheritage.org). Lunch is available for purchase in the Harre Student Union cafeteria. Advance registration is recommended by October 19, 2010. For more information about the conference, setting up an exhibit table, or the bus tour, contact Michael Siola at (773) 995-2964.

**Directions To The Conference**

The 2010 Calumet Heritage Conference is being held in the Harre Student Union located on the campus of Valparaiso University at 1700 Chapel Drive, in Valparaiso, Indiana. (Maps and directions at [http://www.valpo.edu/maps/](http://www.valpo.edu/maps/))

**From NW Indiana:** From I-65: Exit at US-30 East in Merrillville. Proceed approximately 12 miles east to Valparaiso. You will see the US-30 entrance to the University on the left (on the north side of US-30), leading towards the Chapel. You may also continue past this entrance and then turn left at the Sturdy Road stoplight at the edge of campus.

**From Illinois:** From I-80/90 or I-94: Exit at IN-49 South in Chesterton. Proceed approximately 8 miles south to Valparaiso, then exit onto US-30 West. After passing through the second stoplight, you will see the entrance to campus on your right.
11th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference

The Heritage of Industry, Community, and Diversity in the Calumet Region

Saturday, October 23, 2010

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Presenter Biographies

Jon Kilpinnen is Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Meteorology at Valparaiso University. He has teaching and research interests in American historical and cultural geography and political geography.

Mark Bouman is Professor of Geography at Chicago State University. He has been active in a number of regional organizations, including the Lake Calumet Ecosystem Partnership and the Calumet Stewardship Initiative. Mark was the Project Director on the map insert that originally appeared in the Spring, 2009 Calumet Issue of Chicago Wilderness magazine, which is included in today’s program materials. He has served as President of CHP since 2006.

S. Paul O’Hara is Assistant Professor of History at Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he specializes in the cultural, immigration, urban and industrial aspects of American history. His decade-long project of researching, presenting, and writing about Gary culminates this coming spring with the publication of his book, Gary, The Most American of All American Cities, by Indiana University Press. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in History, summa cum laude, and earned his doctorate in History from Indiana University.

Lionel Kimble, Jr. is an Associate Professor of History at Chicago State University. His current research interests center around issues of housing, employment, and civil rights in Chicago, during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. His writings have been included in the Encyclopedia of The Great Black Migration and the Encyclopedia of African American History. His most recent publication, “The Only Way to Get What’s Coming to US: African American Veterans’ Activism in Post World War II Chicago” was recently published in the Journal of Illinois History. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Kimble sits on the executive board of the Labor and Working Class History Association and is President of the Chicago branch of the Association of African American Life and History.

Gregory Jones is an adjunct assistant professor of theology at Valparaiso University and the Founding Pastor of Union Community Church in Valparaiso. He teaches courses that focus upon Christianity's social context including courses in Native American Religions and a popular course on "Black Theology and the Black Church." He is coordinator of the Valparaiso Diversity Network Association and a member of the board of directors for Project Neighbors. He was awarded Valparaiso University’s Martin Luther King Award in 2008.

Ronald Janke is Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Meteorology at Valparaiso University where he teaches courses in physical geography and Native American Studies. His recent research focuses upon the prehistoric settlements found on and around the Kankakee Sand Islands located north and south of the Kankakee River in Indiana and Illinois. He is also active in the Woodland Savanna Land Conservancy.
Marian Byrnes and Calumet: Stewardship/Initiative

Like the Calumet region she loved and served, Marian Byrnes defies easy description. She is remembered as “a powerful and intelligent voice for the environment,” “bull-headed,” “smart, capable, informed and wise,” “a tough cookie,” “sweet, thoughtful, and nurturing.” She confounded expectations. Hearing of her reputation, one could be disarmed by her sweetness; experiencing her sweetness, one might suddenly confront her steely resolve. She mixed wide vision, tactical savvy, relational skills and a bedrock of spiritual and civic values with countless meetings and hours and hours of unsung typing, collating, and mailing. Judy Lihota, president of the Calumet Ecological Park Association, calls her “the perfect grassroots environmentalist.” All agree that she was one of a kind.

Marian’s stewardship of the environment covered the air, soil, water, and biota of the region. For instance, she could speak the languages of “good neighbor dialogues” and of particulate pollution to end it, of the “tiered approach to cleanup objectives” and of soil toxicity to end it, of purple loosestrife and strategies to end it. She not only spoke the language of the perils for the common moorhen, yellow-headed blackbird, and black-crowned night heron, she could spell them. Perfectly.

From the time she formed the first student chapter of the NAACP at Indiana University in the 1940s, Marian recognized problems in the world she inhabited and took the initiative to solve them. The list of organizations she founded and supported in the Calumet region, many of them CSI partners, is breathtaking. She was, as Nicole Kamins of the city put it, a “formidable force” for the Calumet.

In 1979, she organized the Committee to Protect the Prairie to secure the future of Van Vlissingen Prairie behind her home. Today this prairie has been designated the “Marian R. Byrnes Natural Area” by the City of Chicago. She was co-chairperson of Citizens United to Reclaim the Environment and led the effort to oppose Waste Management’s bid to put a landfill in Big Marsh. She founded what became the Southeast Environmental Task Force in 1989, and through SETF she led campaigns against chemical waste incinerators, air polluters, and landfill expansion—“No dumps! No deals!” Knowing that the long-term solution to landfill pressure was to reduce the waste stream, she was an active member of the Chicago Recycling Coalition.

When the City of Chicago proposed a Lake Calumet International Airport in the early 1990s, Marian was one of the leaders of a response that not only thwarted the airport but that also projected a new vision for the region. With the late Jim Landing, she founded the Calumet Ecological Park Association in 1993 to advocate for this vision. After the National Park Service’s Calumet Ecological Park Feasibility Study for a proposed Calumet National Heritage Area was completed in 1998, Marian founded the Calumet Heritage Partnership to push for national recognition of the Calumet. About six years after that, when it appeared that some of the last remaining structures of the steel industry on the Calumet River would be demolished, Marian formed Chicago’s Steel Heritage Partnership to try to save them.

Marian Byrnes defined initiative. She stood for stewardship. She was Calumet.

Marian Byrnes died on May 20, 2010, at the age of eighty-four. A memorial website may be found at http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/marianbyrnes.

Mark J. Bouman