



18th ANNUAL CALUMET HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

Nature Reworked: Honoring the Past, Interpreting for the Future

Acknowledgements

The year since we last came together to celebrate our Calumet region has been one of transition for the Calumet Heritage Partnership as we move from discerning a vision for a Calumet National Heritage Area to figuring out what it means to *be* a heritage area. One other notable transition is one of leadership. For a decade, Mark Bouman served as president of the Calumet Heritage Partnership. Without his leadership this annual tradition would not have continued for 18 years. Thank you, Mark Bouman for your dedicated service to CHP and to the Calumet region. Today's conference would also not be possible without the hard work of our conference team including Sherry Meyer, Karen Brozynski, Tom Shepherd, Tiffany Tolbert, David Klein, Madeleine Tudor, Mario Longoni, and Nichole DeMario. Their knowledge of our region and its people, their concern for designing the best possible program, and their attention to the numerous logistical details is very much appreciated. The conference committee was guided and supported by the members of the board of the Calumet Heritage Partnership, an all-volunteer group who gives of their time to come together monthly to support the activities of the partnership. Thank you to the newly founded Galleries, Museums, and Local History Group of the Calumet Heritage Partnership for organizing a panel for today's conference. We thank all of the members of the Calumet Heritage Partnership for their continued volunteer and financial support.

CHP has collaborated closely with The Field Museum for a number of years and we thank the museum for providing financial support, staff support, and the graphic design and printing of the materials you've received in your conference folder. We are grateful to ArcelorMittal, Boeing, and Nicor Gas who support The Field Museum's programs in the Calumet Region, including this conference. While our relationship with the Calumet Collaborative is still young, their support of the conference has been essential and we look forward to continued collaboration. Special thanks are due to Insights and the talented Sherry Meyer for donating her services for our afternoon tour. We thank Lebanon Lutheran Church for allowing us to gather in their space and for their hospitality.

Once again we are blessed to have a group of incredible speakers and moderators for this year's conference. Thank you for sharing your experiences and expertise. Finally, a great conference is not possible without a great audience. Thank you for coming today. After years of organizing this conference, one thing I know is that all of you have important stories to share about our region. I hope that our gathering today provides you with a chance not only to learn from our speakers but also from each other and that our conversations inspire action that helps to celebrate, preserve, and protect the unique heritage of the Calumet Region.

Michael Longan,
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The Calumet Heritage Partnership is a bi-state non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region. The Field Museum is a partner of the Calumet Heritage Partnership. Together, they lead the feasibility study to designate the region as a Calumet National Heritage Area.

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