



Telling the Stories of Race and Sports in Canada: Symposium

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A Symposium



The University of Windsor campus sits on Anishinabe Territory. The Anishinabe in the Windsor area known as the Ojibwa, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations, or the Three Fires Confederacy. Today the Anishinabe of the Three Fires Confederacy are represented by Walpole Island First Nation.

Welcome to the University of Windsor and thank you for participating in what we anticipate will be an exciting few days of learning and sharing. *Telling the Stories of Race and Sports in Canada: a Symposium* is the first of three components of a larger project, funded by a SSHRC Connections Grant, dedicated to exploring the past, present, and future of race and sport in Canada.

As recent events throughout North America suggest, race is and has long been intertwined with sports. In Canada, however, many of the stories and experiences of athletes in a racialized context have been invisible or overlooked. This Symposium features contemporary and historical papers that consider Canadian experiences in sport in the context of a racialized world.

Papers will explore various themes including race and identity, youth and sports, and untold stories of athletes and teams in Canada's past. Presenters come from a range of disciplines including history, human kinetics, art history and librarianship. The symposium will also feature displays and stories on local athletes from the Chatham-Kent, Windsor area.

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Programme

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School of Social Work (Downtown Campus)

167 Ferry Street, Windsor, Ontario

Thursday, September 27, 7:00 –9:00 p.m.

Screening of “Soul on Ice: Past, Present, and Future” with filmmaker Kwame Mason (open to the public)

Location: School of Social Work, Room 116

Friday, September 28, 2018

8:30-9:00 a.m.: Registration, coffee in Room 400, School of Social Work

Location for all sessions: Room 306, School of Social Work

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment: Vicky Paraschak

Welcome remarks: Miriam Wright

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Keynote: Janelle Joseph, University of Toronto

“Black Diasporas, Caribbean Transnationality, and Sport in the Greater Toronto Area and Beyond”

Introduction: Heidi Jacobs

Dr Janelle Joseph is Director, Academic Success Centre, University of Toronto and Adjunct Lecturer in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, University of Toronto. She researches and teaches in the areas of gender, race, multi-culturalism, sports, and leisure. She has a BSc in Kinesiology from Western University, and a MSc and PhD in Physical Cultural Studies from University of Toronto. She completed two post-doctoral research fellowships, including one at the University of Otago in New Zealand and a Banting SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Along with numerous articles, she also co-edited *Race and Sport in Canada: Intersecting Inequalities* (2012) with Simon Darnell and Yuka Nakamura. Her book *Sport in the Black Atlantic: Cricket, Canada and the Caribbean Diaspora* was released in January 2017.

10:00-10:15: Break

10:15-11:45 a.m.: Session: Intersections of Race, Sports and Identity in the Community, in the Media, and in the Arts

Chair: Dave Johnston

Mark Norman, McMaster University and Peter Donnelly, University of Toronto

“Race, Ethnicity, and Physical Culture in a Multicultural Metropolis:
Examining Physical Cultural Diversity in the Greater Toronto Area”

Jaclyn Meloche, Art Gallery of Windsor

“Deicing/Decolonizing: Hockey Histories in Canadian Contemporary Art”

Sabrina A. Razack, Toronto District School Board

“How Do Canadian Racialized Sport Media Personalities Influence Conversations within Digital Spaces?”

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Lunch: provided by the symposium. Location: Room 400.

We will also have displays on local athletes from Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent created by University of Windsor students and we invite people to look at them.

1:00-1:45 p.m.

Keynote: Colin Howell, Saint Mary’s University

“Black Bases/Black Ice: The Multi-Sport Careers of Canadian Black Athletes and the Struggle for Social Justice”

Introduction: Miriam Wright

Dr. Colin Howell is Professor Emeritus in History and Academic Director of the Centre for the Study of Sport and Health at Saint Mary’s University in Halifax. Dr. Howell has published widely in the field of sport and health studies, including *Blood, Sweat and Cheers: Sport and the Making of Modern Canada* (2001) and *Northern Sandlots* (1995). In 2001 he initiated the *Putting it on Ice* series of hockey conferences, now recognized as having created a renaissance in hockey scholarship internationally. He has received numerous awards including the Heritage award of the Society of North American Hockey Researchers for excellence in sports writing. He was inducted into the Black Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

1:45-2:00 p.m.: Break

2:00-3:30 p.m.: Session: Rethinking/Rewriting the History of Sport in Canada

Chair: Vicky Paraschak

Heidi Jacobs and Miriam Wright, University of Windsor

“Telling the Stories of the Chatham Coloured All-Stars: Online and in the Community”

Russell Field, University of Manitoba

“Broadening the Story: The Beginnings of a People’s History of Sport in Canada”

Victoria Paraschak, University of Windsor

“Hope for the Past: The Aboriginal Sport System, Wikipedia, and Reconciliation in Canada”

3:30-3:45 p.m.: Break – make your way over to School of Creative Arts Building (3 blocks away from School of Social Work)

4:00-6:30 p.m.: **Public Event – Scott Chantler’s presentation/discussion of a new mini-comic about the Chatham Coloured All-Stars baseball team.** Reception with cash bar. Location: Main Gallery, School of Creative Arts, The Armouries, 37 University Ave. East

7:00: No formal dinner planned, but we are organizing a “Dine-Around.” We have made reservations at various restaurants and will circulate sign-up sheets on Friday for anyone interested in joining the dining groups.

Saturday, September 29, 2018

8:30-9:15 a.m.: Coffee

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Keynote: Ornella Nzindukiyimana, St Francis Xavier University

“Off the Sidelines: A Black Canadian Women’s Sports History in Ontario (1920s-1940s)”

Introduction: Irene Moore Davis

Dr Ornella Nzindukiyimana is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Kinetics at St. Francis Xavier University (Antigonish, NS) where she teaches history and sociology of sport. Her work focuses on the historical study of intersection of race, gender, and class in sport, particularly in the Canadian historical context. Recent research, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council’s (SSHRC) Doctoral Award and the Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC), explored Black Canadian women’s sport experiences in Ontario in the first half of the 20th century. Other work has centred on early 20th century Black Canadian sport ‘heroes,’ such as sprinter John ‘Army’ Howard and boxer Larry Gains.

10:00-10:15 a.m.: Break

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Session: Untold Stories: Sport and Historically-Marginalized Communities, 1920s-1970s

Chair: Vicky Paraschak

William Humber, Seneca College

“Philip ‘Ponsonby’ Granville, A Pioneering African Jamaican/Canadian Athlete - Lost, Found and Celebrated?”

Art Rhyno, Leddy Library, University of Windsor

“Internment, Race, and Baseball in Southwestern Ontario: Japanese-Canadian Farm Labourers during World War II”

John Lutz, in collaboration with Bill Young

“Manny McIntyre: A Black Canadian Pioneer 1930s-1950s”

MacIntosh Ross, Jared Walters, Michael Heine, Western University

“‘The Toy Bulldog from the Blood Reserve’: Eddie First Rider and the Racial Politics of Canadian Boxing, 1950-1970”

12:00-1:15 p.m.: Lunch: provided by the symposium. Location: Room 400. We will also have displays on local athletes from Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent created by University of Windsor students and we invite people to look at them, chat with the students.

1:15-2:00 p.m.

Keynote: Bob Dawson, Ottawa, Ontario

“Hockey and the Black Experience”

Introduction: Miriam Wright

Born in Dartmouth, NS, Bob Dawson became the “first Black” to play in what was then the Atlantic Intercollegiate Hockey League (AIHL). As a result, he was often the target of racial slurs by opposing players and spectators. While at Saint Mary’s, Bob helped the Huskies win consecutive AIHL conference championships in 1969, 1970 and 1971, and represent the league in each of those years at the Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Championships.

Bob has written numerous articles on blacks in various sports, especially hockey. He also has appeared on local TV and radio shows to talk about issues on blacks and hockey. In 2015, Bob was awarded the *John G. Dennison Award* for excellence in the study, preservation and promotion of Canadian black history and heritage. He is also one of the founding members of the Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Conferences in Dartmouth, NS. In his spare time, Bob serves as a family advisor to aspiring black hockey players.

2:00-2:15 p.m.: Break

2:15-3:45 p.m.: Session: Youth, Race, and Identity

Chair: Sara Santarossa

Stephen Soucie, University of Waterloo

“Unless You're Nike: Sketching the Identity Negotiations of Male Student-Athletes and their Coaches”

Simon Darnell, Daniel Eisenkraft Klein, Robyn Smith, Greg Yerashotis, University of Toronto

“Youth in Toronto Tell Their Stories about Sport – Insights from a Participatory Approach to Research”

Humphrey Nartey, University of Ottawa,

“The Performativity of Race for Black Canadian Male Student-Athletes”

3:45-4:00 p.m.: Break

4:00-5:00 p.m.: Discussion about Digital Archive/next steps/time to look at displays on local athletes

6:30 p.m. Dinner: Provided by the symposium. Location: Mazaar Lebanese Cuisine, 372 Ouellette Ave., Windsor (approximately four blocks from School of Social Work)

Friday Evening Dine Arouds

We have made reservations at several downtown restaurants for 7:30 and a conference team member will host each event. If you would like to join one of these dine arounds, please sign up at the Registration Table.

Our selected downtown restaurants include:

Fourteen (entrees ranging from \$24-45)

100 Ouellette Ave #1400

“Through Fourteen’s seasonal changing menu, the restaurant commits itself to creating fresh, unpretentious cuisine with the finest quality ingredients, along with a similarly intense focus on impeccable guest service. Fourteens modern art deco dining room and sky lounge are framed by a one of a kind panoramic view of the riverfront and downtown Detroit from every seat.”

Mazaar (entrees ranging from \$15-30, Vegetarian, vegan, halal, and gluten-free options)

372 Ouellette Ave, Windsor

“Mazaar is an upscale-casual restaurant that offers authentic Lebanese cuisine in a comfortable yet energetic atmosphere. We at Mazaar combine friendly service with an extensive menu, offering a wide variety of fresh Lebanese entrees and appetizers.”

Note: Mazaar is one of Windsor’s best options for vegetarian, halal, and gluten free options. We will be hosting our Saturday dinner here but they have an extensive menu.

Manchester Pub (entrees ranging from \$11-18, some vegetarian options)

546 Ouellette Ave, Windsor

British-themed pub featuring a sampling of European and North American beer on tap, with British pub fare nestled alongside North American food favourites.

Eastwood's Grill and Lounge (entrees ranging from \$13-26, vegetarian options available)

63 Riverside Dr E, Windsor

Casual pub with tasty food, fun atmosphere and a great view of the river.

Rino's Kitchen (entrees ranging from \$18-24, usually vegetarian and vegan options)

131 Elliott Street West (a bit of a walk or a very quick cab ride)

"This historic 100 year old house is a quaint, comfortable setting to enjoy Rino's freshly prepared menu. We proudly offer a full range of locally sourced menu items, craft ales and wines."

If you have a car or want to take a cab or Uber, we also recommend:

- The Twisted Apron 1815 Wyandotte St E
- Ciao Pasta Bar 839 Erie St E
- Motor Burger 888 Erie St E
- Mamo Burger 1515 Ottawa St, Windsor
- For local craft beer, we highly recommend Sandwich Brewing Company 3230 Sandwich St and Craftheads Brewery 89 University Ave W

