

**“To remember is to resist:”\* 40 Years of Sport and Social Change, 1968-2008**  
**University of Toronto, May 20-22, 2008**

40 years after Mexico City, Paris, and Prague, and 80 days before the Beijing Games, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, the Centre for Sport Policy Studies and New College at the University of Toronto are pleased to host a three-day conference on sport and social change to be held in Toronto, Canada, on May 20-22, 2008.

These anniversaries offer a unique opportunity to revisit the ways in which the struggle for human rights has shaped sport and physical activity. This conference will commemorate and critique the aims and achievements of past and current human rights movements in sport. Keynote addresses and individual presentations will explore the past and reflect on current efforts at social change; participants will also be encouraged to suggest future directions and debate the merits of including sport in campaigns for human rights.

This conference will bring together academics and activists, practitioners and academics, including scholars from a variety of disciplines and perspectives whose research interests touch upon issues of sport and physical activity, human rights and social change. Potential topics of discussion include, but are not limited to:

- International development and sport
- Reform and protest (e.g., Olympic Movement for Human Rights, 1968)
- The Beijing Olympics and international protest
- Collective bargaining in professional and Olympic sport
- Access to sport and physical activity
- Gender struggles in sport
- Indigenous peoples, sport and physical activity
- Sport and (dis)ability
- Whose knowledge counts? Struggles over curriculum in physical education and sports studies
- Sport and the environment
- The current state of international and national sport governance
- Activism at the local level
- Campaigns for children’s rights in sport
- Media reform, media justice
- The campaign for open access to research

The conference will feature keynote addresses by leaders in the field, plenary panel discussions, as well as open paper sessions. Conference organizers are encouraging submissions for both individual presentations and session topics. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words (and include the paper/session title, and presenter’s name and affiliation). Deadline for the submission of abstracts is **January 31, 2008**.

Submit abstracts and any questions to the Conference Organizer, Russell Field, at: [russell.field@utoronto.ca](mailto:russell.field@utoronto.ca) or 1-416-978-5548.

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*\*Lennox Farrell, Jamaican-Canadian activist and poet, from the essay “Black Rhythms in White Rituals”*