

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

presents

THE GREATEST:

FROM

CASSIUS CLAY

TO

MUHAMMAD ALI

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 and 14, 2008

CONFERENCE CO-DIRECTORS

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REGISTRATION PROGRAM



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**AS A BRASH YOUNG MAN, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY
WAS KNOWN AS “THE LIP FROM LOUISVILLE,
KENTUCKY.” OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS INSPIRED
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
NOT ONLY WITH HIS BOXING PROWESS, BUT ALSO
WITH HIS COURAGEOUS OPPOSITION TO WAR AND
OTHER VIOLENCE, HIS FAITH AND HIS HUMANITARIAN
EFFORTS. HE HAS ALSO MADE HIS MARK WITH HIS
WORDS, WHICH ARE NOW IN VOGUE EVEN AMONG
THE HIP-HOP GENERATION.**

*Participation in the conference by those who are active professionals in their field
is subject to the priority of their professional commitments.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Conference Registration and Coffee

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus

9:30-10:30 a.m.

A Conversation With

DAVE ANDERSON, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, *The New York Times*

Moderator: **Ed Ingles**, WRHU, Hofstra University

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

ALI'S IMPACT ON SOCIETY

Moderator/Commentator:

Greg Dunmore, Co-Chair, Arts and Entertainment Task Force
National Association of Black Journalists

Rock Brynner, Western Connecticut State University
Muhammad Ali and His Bodyguard

Ronnie L. Smith, Edward Waters College
From "I Am the Greatest" to "Bow in the Presence of Greatness"

James Von Schilling, Northampton Community College
Ali vs. Quarry in Atlanta: An Anti-War Victory

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

1:15 p.m.

GREETINGS FROM THE HOFSTRA COMMUNITY

Michael Barnes

Associate Professor of Psychology and Faculty Athletic Representative
Hofstra University
Conference Co-Director

Michael D'Innocenzo

Professor of History and Harry H. Wachtel Distinguished Teaching Professor
for the Study of Nonviolent Social Change
Hofstra University
Conference Co-Director

1:30-3:15 p.m.

ON THE ROAD WITH ALI: TRAINERS, PROMOTERS, JOURNALISTS

Moderator/Commentator:

Ed Ingles, WRHU, Hofstra University

Dave Anderson, *The New York Times*

Bill Gallo, *New York Daily News*

Stan Isaacs, *Newsday* (retired)

Gene Kilroy, Muhammad Ali's Business Manager

Arthur Mercante, Referee (retired); refereed Ali/Norton; Ali/Frazier;
Frazier/Forman fights

Phil Pepe, *New York Daily News* (retired)

3:15-4 p.m.

DOCUMENTING ALI – PHOTO ESSAY

Sonia Katchian, Documentary and Corporate Photographer

Sonia Katchian is an established documentary and fine-art photographer with photographs in private and public collections, and in museum collections worldwide. She has photographed Muhammad Ali since 1974 in locations around the world, and her photos are part of the permanent collection of the new Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky; The Metropolitan Museum of Art; and the Smithsonian Institution.

4:15-5 p.m.

Hofstra University Museum presents

DESSERT RECEPTION and

Viewing of Conference Exhibition:

THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME: MUHAMMAD ALI

September 21-December 2, 2008

Emily Lowe Gallery, Behind Emily Lowe Hall, South Campus

Featuring interpretive dances by Hofstra University students under the direction of **Dyane Harvey-Salaam**.

Greetings: **Beth Levinthal**, Director, Hofstra University Museum

5-6:15 p.m.

Dinner (*on your own*)

6:30 p.m.

REFLECTIONS OF A FIGHTER

A Conversation With

ANGELO DUNDEE, Cornerman and Trainer to Muhammad Ali
and

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR, Columnist, *HBO Sports*

Co-Authors, *My View From the Corner*

Introductions by **Michael Barnes**, *Conference Co-Director*

8 p.m.

Hofstra University Department of Drama and Dance presents

The Great White Hope, by Howard Sackler

directed by **Royston Coppenger**, Associate Professor of Drama and Dance

The Great White Hope tells the fictionalized story of Jack Johnson (called “Jack Jefferson” in the play), who, in 1908, became the first African-American heavyweight champion of the world. As white America searched high and low for a champion capable of reclaiming the title, Jefferson mounted a doomed battle against the forces of institutionalized racism.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Conference Registration and Coffee

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater

Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus

9-11 a.m.

FROM CASSIUS CLAY TO MUHAMMAD ALI

Robert Lipsyte, Author, *The Contender* and *Free to Be Muhammad Ali*

Jeffrey T. Sammons, New York University; Author, *Beyond the Ring:*

The Role of Boxing in American Society

Bert Randolph Sugar, *HBO Sports*; Author, *Bert Sugar on Boxing*

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

RINGSIDE VIEW with **LARRY MERCHANT**, *HBO Sports*
and
GENE KILROY, Muhammad Ali's Business Manager

Introductions by **Michael D'Innocenzo**, *Conference Co-Director*

12:15-1:45 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Speaker: **Sal Marchiano**, Sports Anchor, *CW 11 News at Ten*

Introductions by **Ed Ingles**, WRHU, Hofstra University

2-3 p.m.

A Conversation With

BUDD SCHULBERG, Screenwriter and Author, *On the Waterfront*;
Author, *Loser and Still Champion: Muhammad Ali*

and

STAN ISAACS, Sports Columnist, *Newsday* (retired)

Introductions by **Ruth Prigozy**, Professor of English, Hofstra University

3:15 p.m.

**THE CURRENT STATE OF BOXING:
IS BOXING DOWN FOR THE COUNT?**

Moderator/Commentator:

Wallace Matthews, *Newsday*

Sal Marchiano, *CW 11 News at Ten*

Arthur Mercante, Referee (retired); Author, *Inside the Ropes*

Larry Merchant, *HBO Sports*

Franklin McNeil, *NJ Star-Ledger/ESPN* Columnist

Chuck Wepner, fought Ali at the Coliseum, Cleveland, Ohio, March 24, 1975

6 p.m.

CLOSING RECEPTION

8 p.m.

Hofstra Entertainment presents

Fightin' Words!

A spoken-word performance conceived and directed by **Bob Spiotto**

Performed "in the ring" and surrounded by the Hofstra University Museum's conference exhibition, *The Greatest of All Time: Muhammad Ali*, this knock-out performance consists of boxing poetry-in-performance, as well as many boxing stories, quotes and anecdotes. This performance packs a solid punch with works by Joyce Carol Oates, Richard Ford, Homer, George Plimpton, William Hazlitt, Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, O. Henry, Robert Benchley, Gene Tunney, Rod Serling, Norman Mailer, Red Smith, and Muhammad Ali, among others.

BOOK DISPLAY at the Hofstra University Bookstore, Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail or fax to:

Muhammad Ali Conference

Hofstra Cultural Center
 113 Hofstra University
 Hempstead, NY 11549-1130
 Tel: (516) 463-5669
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I have made lodging reservations at:

- Long Island Marriott
- La Quinta Inn & Suites

Method of payment:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____
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- MasterCard
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Cancellations: A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted from registration refunds; however, notice in writing must be received by November 10, 2008.

Returned Checks: A \$25 handling fee will be charged for returned checks.

CONFERENCE FEES

REGISTRATION FEE	No. of Persons	Amount
Regular rate	_____	_____
Senior citizen (65 and over) (Must include copy of Medicare card)	_____	_____
Matriculated non-Hofstra student (Must include copy of current student ID)	_____	_____
Luncheon (Friday, November 14)	_____	_____
The Great White Hope Thursday, November 13, at 8 p.m.	_____	_____
Senior citizen/matriculated non-Hofstra student with ID	_____	_____
Fightin' Words (Limited Seating) Friday, November 15, at 8 p.m.	_____	_____
Senior citizen	_____	_____
Matriculated non-Hofstra student with ID	_____	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

Hofstra University is 100-percent program accessible to persons with disabilities.
 All events (with the exception of meals) are FREE to Hofstra students, faculty and staff upon presentation of a current HofstraCard.

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOTELS

LODGING INFORMATION

The Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale and La Quinta Inn & Suites in Garden City have been designated as the official conference hotels. The following are the special discounted room rates; room reservations are based on availability.

LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11553

Att: Reservations Manager

Tel: (516) 794-3800 or (800) 832-6255

Fax: (516) 794-5936

Room rate: \$179 per night, single/double occupancy

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

821 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530

Tel: (516) 705-9000 or (800) 531-5900

Fax: (516) 705-9100

Room rate: \$155 per night, single/double occupancy

NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6 P.M. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FIRST NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT OR SECURED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. RESERVATIONS AT THE DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY. WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE **MUHAMMAD ALI CONFERENCE** AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY.

Scheduled transportation will be arranged between the Hofstra University campus and contracted hotels. Schedules will be available at the Conference Registration Desk as well as at the participating hotels.

LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile. The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station and the Mineola Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

Local Taxi Service:

All Island Taxi Service	(516) 481-1111
Hempstead Taxi	(516) 489-4460
Pub Taxi Service	(516) 483-4433
Ollie's Airport Service	(516) 437-0505
	(516) 352-6633
	(718) 229-5454

BY CAR: Travel on the Long Island Expressway to exit 38, Northern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Parkway South (exit 31A), or Southern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Parkway North (exit 22N). Take Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4 (Hempstead Turnpike). Proceed west on Hempstead Turnpike (Route 24W) to the Hofstra campus (approximately one mile).

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS:

The Hofstra campus is located approximately 30 minutes by car from either John F. Kennedy International Airport or LaGuardia Airport.

CALL IN ADVANCE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Classic Transportation

Classic Transportation provides shared van service from JFK and LaGuardia Airports to Hofstra University. Courtesy phones are located in the baggage claim area of both airports, and are connected directly to Classic dispatch/reservation. Dial 20 from the courtesy phone to speak directly with the reservation department. Tell the representative that you are traveling to Hofstra University. Cost: approximately \$20.

Discount: Classic Transportation offers a discount when you reserve your round-trip airport shuttle trip online at classictrans.com or call (631) 567-5100.

Long Island Airport Limousine Service (LIALS)

LIALS can be called upon arrival at either JFK or LaGuardia Airport at a public telephone: 656-7000 (no area code required). The phones are monitored from 4 a.m. through midnight, seven days a week.

U.S. Limousine and Car Service

Personalized Transportation Service
(516) 352-2225 or (800) 962-2827

NOTE: Please be advised that there are no set fares charged by New York City yellow cabs between the airports and the Hofstra campus. Please confirm fee with the driver before starting your trip.

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