

Southern Utah University  
**Black History Month**  
February 2010

# **African Americans and American Sport**

HIST 2922-01(CRN 11224) **OR** HIST 3922-01(CRN 11225)  
One Hour Credit (P/F)



Vonetta Flowers



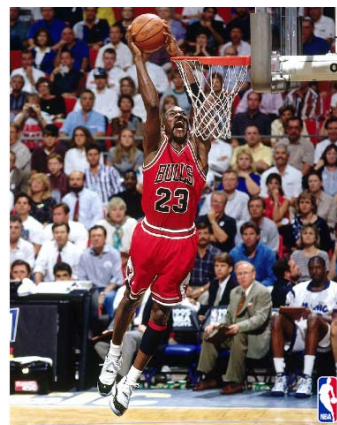
Jackie Robinson



Lynette Woodward



George Foreman



"Air" Jordan

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SUU Multicultural Center  
SUU Convocations  
Black Student Union  
College of Humanities and Social Science  
Department of History & Sociology

### **REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**

HIST 2922 or HIST 3922  
(Also see calendar for times and locations,  
which are subject to change.)

1. “Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball and America,” Dr. James Vlasich, Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM, CN 227.
2. “First African American Winter Olympics Gold Medalist,” Vonetta Flowers, Convocation, SUU Auditorium, Tuesday, February 9, 11:30 AM.
3. “The Sociology of Blacks in Sports,” Dr. Michael Ostrowsky, Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM, CN 227.
4. “Black Student Athletes at SUU,” Panel Presentation, Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 PM, CN 227.



**AND**

## Choose Four (4) of the Following Films:

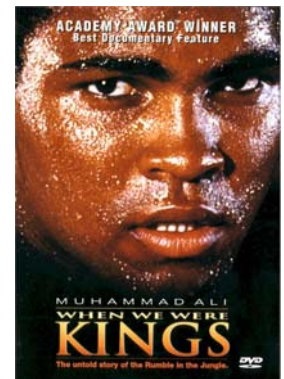
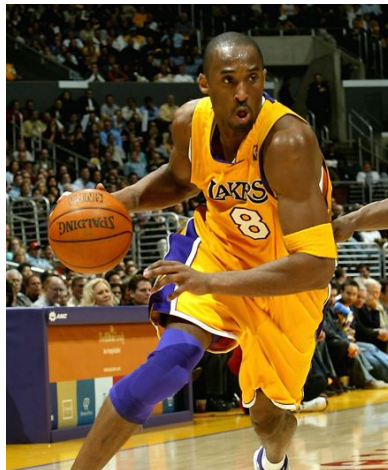
- 1) "Idols of the Game," Thursday, February 4, 7:00 PM, CN 227.
- 2) "Breakin' the Glass," Thursday, February 11, 4:00 PM, CN 227.
- 3) "The Sociology of Sports in the United States," Thursday, February 11, 7:00 PM, CN 227.
- 4) "Michael Jordan, His Airness," Thursday, February 18, 4:00 PM, CN 227.
- 5) "Hoop Dreams," Thursday, February 18, 7:00-10:00 PM, CN 227.
- 6) "When We Were Kings," Thursday, February 25, 7:00 PM, CN 227.



### 1956 NCAA CHAMPIONS



Perfection! The 1955-56 team went undefeated and repeated as NCAA champions. Many newcomers came to the forefront in the NCAA title chase.



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**Essay Questions**

1. How have your perceptions of African Americans changed by attending SUU Black History Month (BHM) activities? Identify the contributions made by each speaker/film to the development of your understanding of the issues.
2. Write an essay about both the positive and negative aspects of celebrity black athletes in the United States. Cite specific films and/or speakers who contributed to your knowledge of this topic.
3. Do you think that the arena of sports was ahead of or lagged behind American society in accepting and celebrating African American athletes? Explain in an essay with specific reference to films and/or speakers who contributed to your knowledge of this topic.

**Essay Requirements**

**HIST 2922-** Write a two (2) page essay on one of the questions.

**HIST 3922-** Write a four (4) page essay on one of the questions

**OR**

Answer two questions in two separate two (2) page essays.

**BE SURE TO CITE SPEAKERS/FILMS**

**Due on Friday, March 5, 2010 by 5:00 PM.**

**NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED**

**Turn in to Dr. Earl Mulderink at CN 225 or**

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