American Sports Seminar at Stockton to Explore Ethics and Germany’s 1936 Olympic Games

Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center to Host Seminar

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will help educators and community members explore the ethical and cultural issues of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany to carry this historic event in sports history to today’s classroom discussions.

“Sports in American Cultures and Communities: America and the 1936 Summer Olympics” is a free seminar open to educators and interested community members. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, located on the college’s Galloway campus on the second floor of the Library.

The seminar will provide historical detail about the 1936 Olympics, which took place in Nazi Germany, and how the prospect of boycotting the 1936 Games was debated by different communities in the U.S. Resource materials about the groups and athletes who boycotted, participated in the Games, or who were barred from participation will be provided.

Ethics in sports and human rights issues will be discussed by examining the experiences of athletes including Jesse Owens, a four-time gold medalist, Matt Robinson, brother of Jackie Robinson, Marty Glickman, a Jewish-American track and field athlete and sports announcer, Sam Stoller, a sprinter and long jumper who tied the world record in the 60-yard dash in 1936, and high jumper Gretel Bergmann. The seminar will also demonstrate classroom lessons that are relevant to contemporary issues.

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