Historicizing the Pan American Games

A colloquium at the University of Toronto
April 20-21, 2015

Day 1: Monday, April 20th
University of Toronto Scarborough
Instructional Centre, 1095 Military Trail, Scarborough, ON M1C 1A4
(All sessions will take place in IC 230)

8:45 Registration and continental breakfast
Instructional Centre Atrium

9:15 Official welcome by David Onley, Special Ambassador to the Pan Am and Parapan American Games and Senior Lecturer & Distinguished Visitor, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC)

Welcome and housekeeping by Bruce Kidd, Vice President and Principal, UTSC

9:30 Session I:

Chair: Kanta Murali (Political Science, U of T)

Papers:

Mark Dyreson (The Pennsylvania State University)
The Original Pan-American Games? The Pan-American “Olympics” at the 1937 Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition

Mariadele Di Blasio (Università di Bologna) and Francesco Davide Ragno (Università di Bologna)
Building an Hemispheric Dimension: Ideals and Political Cultures in the Pan-American Games’ Design

10:45 Break

11:00 Session II:

Chair: Paul Kingston (Critical Development Studies, UTSC)
Papers:

Antonio Sotomayor (University of Illinois)
*Colonial Olympism in Jamaica and Puerto Rico: The Olympic Movement and Pan-American Games from 1930 to the 1950s.*

William Beezley, (Arizona University)
*Team Azteca at the Pan-American Games: Mexico and International Sport*

12:15 Lunch in the Hub
A selection of foods representative of the Americas will be served, with a lecture on ‘The Columbian Exchange’, by Professor Rick Halpern, Vice Principal and Dean, University of Toronto Scarborough

2:00 Session III:
Chair: Madhavi Kale (History and Cultural Studies, UTSC)

Papers:

Raanan Rein (Tel Aviv University)
*Turning the Country into an “Immense and Clamorous Stadium”: Perón, the New Argentina and the 1951 Pan-American Games*

John MacAloon (The University of Chicago)
*Historical Erasure and Cold War Inter-American Relations: The Chicago 1959 Pan-American Games*

3:15 Proceed to Toronto Pan American Sports Centre (TPASC) on foot *(10 minute walk)*

3:45 Panel discussion: *The Ambition of the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games*
Leadership Classroom, Toronto Pan American Sports Centre

Chair: Nancy Lee (Governing Council, U of T)

Participants:
Drew Fagan, Deputy Minister for the Pan/Parapan American Games and Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Heather Mitchell, Chair, Toronto Sports Council

Kimberley Tull, Manager, Community Development and Engagement, UTSC
Day 2: Tuesday, April 21st
Hart House
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3
(All sessions will take place in the East Common Room)

8:15  Registration and continental breakfast
      East Common Room

9:00  Session IV:
      Chair: Cora McCloy (Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation, U of T)
      Papers:
      Sarah Teetzel (University of Manitoba) and Cesar R. Torres (The College at Brockport, State University of New York)
      Drug Testing, Sex Verification, and the 1967 Pan-American Games
      Jan Todd (University of Texas at Austin)
      “We Are Guilty Too”: North American Responses to the Doping Scandal of the 1983 Pan-American Games

10:15 Break

10:30 Session V:
      Chair: Kevin Coleman (Historical Studies, University of Toronto Mississauga)
      Papers:
      David M. K. Sheinin (Trent University)
      The VI Pan-American Games and the End of Modern Colombia
      Thomas F. Carter (University of Brighton)
      Challenges Faced in the Hosting of the 1991 Pan-Am Games in Havana, Cuba

11:45 Lunch
1:15  Session VI:

Chair: Mark Solovey (History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, U of T)
Papers:

Russell Field (University of Manitoba) and Bruce Kidd (University of Toronto)
*Canada and the Pan-American Games*

Guilherme Nothen (University of Toronto)
*Paving the Olympic Dream: The Politics of the 2007 Pan-American Games in Rio de Janeiro*

2:30  Break

2:45  Session VII:

Chair: Mark Norman (Exercise Sciences, U of T)

Paper:

Brenda Elsey (Hofstra University)
*Rhetorical Ambassadorship and the Pan-American Games*

3:30  Conclusions