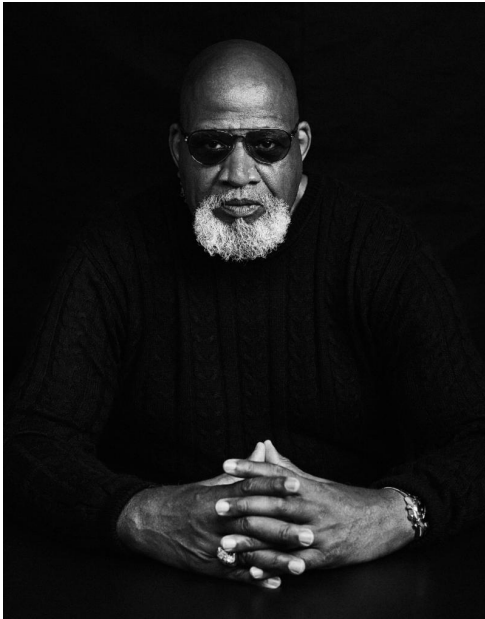


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Las Positas College Welcomes Sociologist and Civil Rights Activist Dr. Harry Edwards on February 21



(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College's Psychology Department and Psychology Club welcomes sociologist and civil rights activist Dr. Harry Edwards who will lead a talk on athlete resistance on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Mertes Center for the Arts Main Theater (Building 4000) at LPC, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The lecture, "Taking a Knee: Understanding a Tradition of Athlete Resistance," will reflect on Edwards' history of activism focused on developments at the interface of sport, race and society. As an athlete in the 1960s when race relations were at the front and center of society, Edwards called for a Black athlete boycott of the United States 1968 Olympic team. Years later, Edwards served as a diversity consultant for Major League Baseball (1987), worked with the Golden State Warriors (1987-1995) in player personnel recruitment and counseling, and served in a similar role with the San Francisco 49ers. The programs and methods he developed for handling player personnel issues and Minority Coaches' Internship Program, developed in conjunction with 49ers Head Coach Bill Walsh to increase opportunities for minority coaches, were adopted by the National Football League in 1992.

Throughout his career, Edwards has compelled the sports world to confront and address issues pertaining to diversity and equal opportunity. He has been a consultant with producers of sports related programs over the past 40 years and is considered the leading authority in race, sport and society.

Edwards was a pioneering scholar in the founding of the sociology of sport as an academic discipline and is the author of four books: *The Struggle that Must Be*, *Sociology of Sports*, *Black Students* and *The Revolt of the Black Athlete*. He has a bachelor's degree with honors from San Jose State University and a master's and Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University.

The Mertes Center for the Arts is at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Tickets, \$10, are available online at drharryedwards.brownpapertickets.com or at the door (cash only) on the night of the event.

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