

Worldwide Sports Scholars Gathered for the 43rd Annual NASSH Conference Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences History Department

Personal Reflections from the Son of the legendary Leroy “Satchel” Paige were among the Conference Highlights

The 43rd annual conference of the **North American Society for Sport History** was held at the U, May 22-25, 2015. The College of Arts & Sciences Department of History sponsored and hosted the conference, with all sessions being held at the Donna E. Shalala Student Activities Center. The conference brought together **185 scholars** from around the nation and the world.



History Professor **Don Spivey** served as conference manager and offered comments at a session, “*Race and Uneven Playing Fields: African-American Athletes and the Quest to Realize Equal Opportunity in Sport.*” The session featured papers by three of the leaders in sport history: Professors **Jeffrey Sammons** of NYU, **David Wiggins** of George Mason University, and **Mark Dyreson** of Pennsylvania State University.

Spivey also served as moderator for a special forum, “*Why Black Baseball History Matters,*” which featured presentations by one of the deans of Negro League baseball history, **Larry Lester**, and personal reflections from **Robert Leroy Paige**, son of the legendary major league baseball player, Leroy “Satchel” Paige.

The conference ended with a sumptuous banquet on Monday evening, May 25, with the installation of the new NASSH President **Kevin Wamsley** of Western University, Ontario, Canada. For a full summary of the conference, please visit:

<http://www.nassh.org/NASSH/content/rkbs-report-43rd-annual-nassh-conference>

Photo Caption: Robert Leroy Paige (son of the legendary Leroy “Satchel” Paige), his wife Faye Paige, Larry Lester, and Professor Donald Spivey