GALE SPEECH 04/17/2019 O. ELLE

University of Wisconsin-River Falls History Professor Samuel Gale is giving a speech entitled “Escaping Jack Johnson’s Shadow: Race and Sports in the Twentieth Century U.S.”. This speech will take place on April 19 in the University Center Ballroom. Gale’s speech will center around African-American athletes and their political activism and subsequent consequences.

MP3 R/T: 0:14 O/C: “…of white supremacy.”

SAM GALE: “LOOK AT JACK JOHNSON’S BOXING CAREER AND HOW HIS ACTIONS INSIDE THE RING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HOW HE ACTED OUTSIDE OF THE RING SO COMPLETELY CHALLENGED THE CULTURE OF WHITE SUPREMACY.”

Gale contends that the impact of black athletic pioneers like Jack Johnson, Joe Loui, and Jesse Owens all have lasting effects that are still felt by modern-day politically active athletes like LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Paul.

MP3 RT: 0:14 O/C: “…other one is.”

SAM GALE: “THEIR PUBLIC DEMEANOR IS STILL IN DIFFERENT WAYS FILTERED THROUGH SORT OF RESPONDING TO THE BLOWBACK TO HOW JOHNSON ACTED.”

Gale’s assertions are supported by a 2015 study conducted by University of Missouri professor Cynthia Frisby that shows that media stories about black athletes are more likely to be negative than stories on white athletes.

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