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## ***Leveling the Playing Field*** ***The Story of the Syracuse 8***

**Book Signing and Discussion  
with the Syracuse 8**

on

Friday, October 23, 2015

3-4 p.m.

Discussion followed by book signing

Huntington Hall Commons  
School of Education

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The Syracuse 8 is a long-overdue story about members of the 1969-70 Syracuse University football team who boycotted the spring 1970 practice to protest racial inequality on the team. The players petitioned the coaching staff with four demands: access to the same academic tutoring made available to their white teammates; better medical care for all team members; starting assignments based on merit rather than race; and an effort to integrate the coaching staff, which had been all-white since 1898.

Mistakenly called the Syracuse 8 by the media in 1970, the players actually numbered nine and included Greg Allen '72, Richard Bulls '73, John Godbolt '73, Dana Harrell '71, G'73, John Lobon '73, Clarence "Bucky" McGill '72, A. Alif Muhammad '71, Duane Walker '80, and Ron Womack '71.

*Leveling the Playing Field*, written by former *Syracuse University Magazine* writer David Marc, chronicles this contentious moment in Syracuse University's history, telling the story through the eyes of the players who demanded change for themselves and for those who would follow.

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