

University of Tennessee Center for Sport, Peace, and Society Global Disability Rights Advocacy Project

WHO: The University of Tennessee Center for Sport, Peace and Society (CSPS), led by Dr. Sarah Hillyer, in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. The CSPS is an organization committed to creating a more peaceful, equitable, and inclusive world through sport and education. They fulfill their mission by hosting leadership development programs, engaging in global outreach, producing storytelling projects, and conducting academic research.

WHAT: In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the CSPS is taking inclusion one step further by launching their Global Disability Rights Advocacy Project. The project is grounded in a one-of-a-kind, interactive global map that showcases: (1) laws that protect the rights of persons with disabilities worldwide; (2) progress in the Paralympics, Deaflympics, and Special Olympics movements; and (3) CSPS alumni who are working and advocating for progress in every corner of the world. We're especially proud that UT students Veronica Allen and Taylor Winkel made substantial contributions to the development and design of the map. Also included in the project is a blog series that highlights stories of change and an advocacy toolkit that will help citizens in Tennessee and across the world become even better champion changemakers.

WHEN: The project will launch on Monday, July 13 and will run for 2 weeks.

WHERE: The project will be launched at sportandpeace.org.

WHY: The 30th anniversary of the ADA is on Thursday, July 23. This landmark law forever changed the landscape of inclusion and accessibility in the United States. Taking this message worldwide, we hope these resources will help citizens gain a greater understanding of the intersection between sport and policy for persons with disabilities, develop a deeper appreciation for the importance of inclusion, and move them to action as even stronger advocates for the inclusion of persons with disabilities, especially within the sport sector.