



Melanie Njeri Jackson: A Scholar with a Heart (1950-2010)

Melanie Njeri Jackson, passed on July 23rd, 2010 at home in Richmond Virginia. Raised in San Francisco, she was a student leader in UC Berkeley's Third World Strike, an early member of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), a poet, mother of two daughters, grandmother, and Political Science Professor and Critical Theorist for almost 30 years. She taught at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia and authored the textbook, *African Americans and the New Policy Consensus*.

Brilliant, exacting, and critically keen, Njeri was one of the most loving, open and warm individuals anyone could know. A talented poet, scholar and teacher, she touched many and will be remembered always for her exceptional ability to articulate and clarify the underlying political ramifications and power differentials in American society and world.