

In Memory of Latanya Jenkins

The Faculty Senate International Programs Committee mourns the untimely passing of Latanya Jenkins. Latanya passed away on April 13th, 2021. She was a reference librarian at Temple's Charles Library, and one of her areas of focus was Africology and African American Studies. She traveled widely and won awards for her work. She served members of the library devotedly, and Temple students thoroughly enjoyed her addressing of various research facilities, such as freshmen learning research skills in an English 802, "Analytical Reading and Writing" course. Latanya led them through such sessions on research with considerable devotion and enthusiasm.

At the time of her passing, Latanya was serving her third consecutive term on the FS International Programs Committee, the maximum number of terms a member can serve. Her commitment to various issues addressed by the committee was evident to all members. Even as late as October 2020, she attended an online meeting of the IP Committee. When a committee member suggested showcasing the work of Temple students on international campuses, Latanya proposed speaking also to the library's Scholar Share team and provided the necessary link.

Below are some thoughts about Latanya from our committee members following her passing:

Adil Khan: "Very sad to hear that. Such a young person. Words can never capture the sadness we feel when we hear the loss of a colleague."

Abbe Depretis: "I'm so sorry to hear this. What a nice tribute on msn to read about her many accomplishments and passions."

Eric Borguet: “Tragic and heartbreaking.”

Denise Connerty: “Latanya was a lovely person, and so committed to the Int’l Programs Committee.”

Patrick McDonnell: “. . . very sad to hear this.”

Mohammad Kiani: “Sad news indeed.”

Maureen Gordon: “. . . truly sad news.”

Insook Han: “It is indeed very sad news.”

Meixia Ding: “. . . very sad news. May Latanya rest in peace.”

Van Hellerslia: “May they [Latanya’s family] experience much comfort from family and friends during this sad time.”

Daniel Berman: “This is so tragic and I’m very sorry to hear it.”

Hiram Aldarondo: “This is indeed sad news. I worked with her all these years, and she was always very committed to the Int’l Programs Committee.”

Bryan McCormick: “I add my condolences to everyone else’s.”