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## Remembrances

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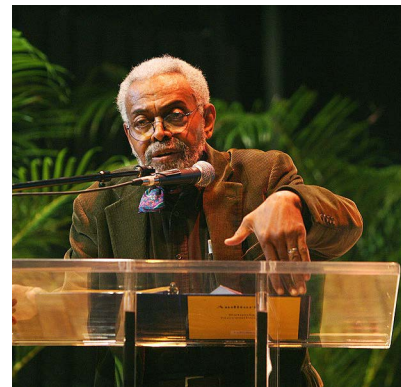
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### AMIRI BARAKA

October 1934 - January 2014

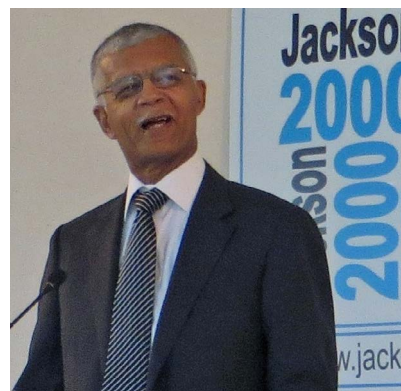
The revolutionary poet will forever be remembered as a brilliant mind who saw no value in scholarship without art. A dramatist, novelist and poet, Amiri Baraka is one of the most respected and widely published African-American writers around the Civil Rights Movements and as a weapon against racism. Amiri was especially close to the Rodney Family and the WRF because was a comrade of Walter's --- they met in the early 1970s in Dar es Salaam during Nyerere's implementation of Ujamaa --- and Baraka was the keynote speaker at the 3rd Annual Walter Rodney Symposium in 2006.



### CHOKWE LUMUMBA

August 1947 - February 2014

Having a politically active upbringing, Chokwe Lumumba's radicalism took form in college where he formed the Black United Front to fight for Black Studies in Midwestern higher educational institutions, and it continued until his passing. His landslide victory as Mayor of Jackson, MS in 2013 was unprecedented. Chokwe's legacy will remain as a reminder to be educated, ever vigilant, and committed to the struggle. Board member Dr. Noble Maseru and Advisory Council Member Howard Dodson were both close personal friends of Chokwe.



### NORMAN GIRVAN

1941 - April 2014

Professor Girvan will forever be an extremely important international figure in Caribbean political economy. Girvan's activism and intellectualism lives on through the 1804CaribVoices that he founded. One of his main tenets, he began to speak toward unifying the Caribbean as a "community of culture." Norman and Walter were students at UWI, Mona Jamaica and in London in the 1960s. Both were members of the CLR James study group. Dr. Girvan appeared via Skype at the 10th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium in 2013.



### VINCENT HARDING

1931 - May 2014

Much can be written about the legacy of Dr. Vincent Harding and his importance to the world as a scholar and leader. He was a champion of black rights and history around the world who embodied scholar/activism. Among his wealth of work, he is known for penning Dr. King's famous anti-Vietnam speech, "A Time to Break Silence" and the introduction to the 2009 edition of Dr. Walter Rodney's *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. Dr. Harding was a close friend and colleague of Walter Rodney when they were at the Institute of the Black World in Atlanta, GA in the 1970s. Vincent served on the Advisory Council of the WRF and participated in several of the Annual Walter Rodney Symposia.

