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MAYA ANGELOU

April 1928 - May 2014

Any attempt at chronicling the life of Dr. Angelou will fall short of embodying the totality of her actions, let alone her spirit and influence. Even her seven autobiographies weren't enough space to contain the life of the poet, author, dancer, actress, singer, activist, producer, professor, director, journalist, and traveler. She spent time in Ghana and Egypt, and participated in the great expatriate African American community in the former, in which Du Bois, Malcolm X, and others were an intergral part.



YURI KOCHIYAMA

May 1921 - June 2014

A true Human Rights activist, Kochiyama stood and struggled in solidarity with all oppressed groups. Her passion for service called her to a number of organizations and communities, including Malcolm X's Organization of Afro-American Unity, the 1977 struggle for Puerto Rican independence at the Statue of Liberty, fought for and won recompense for Japanese American internment survivors, worked on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal and other political prisoners, and many other movements.



ALI AL'AMIN MAZRUI

February 1933 - October 2014

Admittedly grounded in a more liberal perspective than Walter Rodney, Dr. Mazrui also poignantly utilized a critical historical analysis to decolonize the intellectual and popular representation of Africa. A prolific writer, he penned nearly thirty books in his life, including *Julius K. Nyerere's Legacy*, *Towards a Pax Africana: A Study of Ideology and Ambition*, and *The Africans: A Triple Heritage*. The long-serving founder of the Institute for Global Cultural Studies at S.U.N.Y. Binghamton, he was an active participant in the 1998 international conference, "Engaging Walter Rodney's Legacy"; and was the inaugural Walter Rodney Distinguished Professor of the University of Guyana in 1997, a position he held until 1999.

