



In memoriam: Jennifer Jackson

We join many people in the anthropology community and beyond in our disbelief and sorrow over the passing of our colleague and friend Jennifer Jackson, who worked for the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto at Mississauga as an Assistant Professor from 2007-2011. A brilliant anthropologist and exceptional teacher, Jennifer left behind not only a stellar body of publications, including her book *Political Oratory and Cartooning: An Ethnography of Democratic Processes in Madagascar* (2013), but also strong

memories amongst our student body, many of whom Jennifer inspired in ways that will last a lifetime. Students at the University of Toronto remember that Jennifer “moved and captivated” them in ways that remind them “to this day that her lessons extended beyond the boundaries of a discipline as we deploy what we learned each and every day. She challenged us, not just as students but as people, and always instilled a belief in us that we could rise to meet her challenge” (Norie Romano and Steve Asiri). Others wrote that they remain “awed by Jennifer’s engaging style of teaching, her ability to ignite and animate any concept, and the ease with which she could bring out the best in her students.” Her mentorship helped students “cultivate what was our growing interest in anthropology into a deep love for the discipline ... Her support and belief in our abilities as students was a gift we could never even begin to repay” (Natalie Ellis).

Jennifer wrote, researched, taught, and inspired her colleagues and students even as she was dealing with life-threatening illness. She did this with a bravery, humour, and grace. For this she will not be forgotten.