

## In Memoriam - Dr. Patricia Anne Monture

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### **DR. PATRICIA ANNE MONTURE**

We regret to inform the university community of the death of Dr. Patricia Anne Monture. Dr. Monture, a former professor, played a significant role in moving the program for indigeneous blacks and Mi'kmaq forward in it's beginnings. She was the first aboriginal female professor (as well as Dr. Mary Ellen Turpel) to teach in the faculty of Law at Dalhousie University.

#### DR. PATRICIA ANNE MONTURE

It is with great sadness that Patricia's family shares the news of the loss of their strong and courageous mother. She passed on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Royal University Hospital. Patricia was only 52 years old and a full Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan and academic coordinator of the Aboriginal Justice and Criminology Program. Patricia Monture is Mohawk from the Six Nations Grand River Territory. She will be remembered as a passionate Haudenosaunee mother, lawyer, activist, educator, writer and scholar. Her sons Justin (partner Sarah), Michael Blake, and Jack miss her warm and loving smile, her laughter, and her ability to care for others. Her adopted children Leonard, Leith, Lionel and Genine are saddened by this sudden loss. Her sister Patti, brother Darrell, and their daughter Tara (partner Terence) and their children Teryn and Talon are all grieving the loss of her powerful spirit. In Saskatchewan, she has a large family, friends, and colleagues who all loved her dearly. There are so many people who loved her and whose lives she touched, we cannot name them all. However, we would like to acknowledge their support, contributions, and wisdom. Her family in Ontario, brothers David and Michael, her aunt Dorothy, her sister Beverley (partner Pat) and her many other Haudenosaunee relatives shall miss the warmth and laughter she shared with them. Known for being a profoundly aware and critical intellect, and a loyal friend, Patricia adhered to the traditions of her people, the Haudenosaunee, and worked tirelessly as a grassroots advocate. She is the author of two books: **Thunder in my Soul: A Mohawk Woman Speaks** (1995), and **Journeying Forward: Dreaming First Nations Independence** (1999). She edited a recent anthology with Patricia McGuire, **First Voices: An Aboriginal Women's Reader** (2009). She is the author of numerous peer reviewed articles, scholarly volumes and reports. Patricia received an honorary doctorate from not only Athabasca University in June 2008 but also from Queen's University in June 2009. Patricia led the way on ideas involving Indigenous theory, intersectional theory, governance, law, responsibility, and social and political inequality. She was an inspiration to each person she encountered. We would like to honour and thank the Elders and traditional people who have shared their knowledge with Patricia's family through this grief process. Patricia's family is comforted in knowing that she is now reunited with her dancing girl. A Wake and Memorial Service will be held at Oskayak School,

Saskatoon, SK from 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2010 until 3:00 a.m. Saturday. Please call A. MILLARD GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, 60 Ridout Street South, London, Ontario, 1-877-246-7186, for wake service information. A traditional Haudenosaunee wake will also occur on the nights of November 20 and November 21. Her final ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, London, where she will be buried beside her beloved Kate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family in care of Justin Monture, [jmonture@gmail.com](mailto:jmonture@gmail.com)