

Editorial

One of the constants of existence is transience. The Yoruba wisdom says, *K'a ku ni kekere, ke p'Esin fun ni, o san ju ka dagba dagba ka to ku, ka ma ni adiyé irana*. This means that it is not the length of time one lives that matters, but what impact one has made during the sojourn on earth. There is no doubt that the annals of time and history are the stuff of which chronicles are made and odes are constructed. The African and African Diaspora intellectual terrain have been graced and enriched in the last couple of centuries by icons of intellectual struggles and victors over many battles: these are icons who have lived not just a Methuselah kind of longevity with time spent being the only thing to remember; they have contributed scholarly tomes to enrich discourse and provided exciting and insightful pathways for developing vistas of robust scholarship.

In this issue of *Caribbean Journal of Philosophy*, we memorialize these worthy ambassadors, leaders of no mean achievements, and scholars with global reach. Our colleagues who have provided the remembrances must know we are grateful for their ensuring that we remember these leaders of thought. Posterity will look at those who have made their marks before transitioning to ancestor-hood as worthy role models, scholars who may have been given very little, but who produced memorable contributions to our patrimony. By memorializing these pioneers, we are encouraging scholars, graduate students and researchers to engage the efforts and thoughts they have inscribed indelibly for us to cherish.

While celebrating the ancestors who have preceded us to the greater beyond, we must also allow room for according those still among us who have distinguished themselves space for mention. This is the perspective which "Types of Academics and Other Kinds of Intellectuals", by our own Lewis Ricardo Gordon adds to the memorializing of our icons.