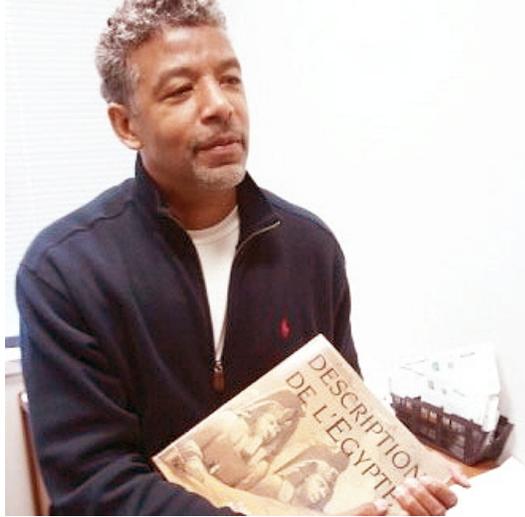


# In Memoriam: Dr. Troy D. Allen



Dr. Troy D. Allen, a professor of African-American Studies at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana joined the ancestors March 17, 2017, after a heart attack. He was a full professor in the Department of History, and thus, taught thousands of students about World Civilization (honors), African-American History, Race Relations, and History of Ancient Egypt via courses over a span of 20 years. Allen was also an adjunct instructor of African-American Studies at Louisiana State University. Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, Allen earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Point Park University in Pittsburgh in 1990; he received his Master of Arts in Black Studies and Black Community Development from the Ohio State

University and a Ph.D. in African-American Studies from Temple University. In 1997 Allen began working in the Department of History at the Southern University.

His contributions to academia include scholarly articles on race and African American Studies published in the *Journal of Black Studies* and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* (in 2007 he edited a special edition of the *Journal of Black Studies* [vol.37, no.4] focused on the issues of Race, Class, and Poverty in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina).

Allen is also the author of *The Ancient Egyptian Family Kinship and Social Structure* (NY: Routledge, 2014), hence he argues that the matrilineal nature of the ancient Egyptian family and social organization provides a key to understanding why and how ancient Egyptian women were able to rise to power, study medicine, and enjoy basic freedoms that did not emerge in Western Civilization until the twentieth century to suggest that by examining the types of families that existed in ancient Egypt along with highlighting the ancient Egyptians' kinship terms, one can place the ancient Egyptian civilization in the cultural context and incubator of Africa. And additionally, the book provides a description of ancient Egyptian kinship terms, and a discussion of Cheikh Anta Diop's Two Cradle Theory (in 2007 he wrote on Cheikh Anta Diop's two cradle theory in *The Journal of Black Studies* by using historical and linguistic evidence to place ancient Egyptian culture in its proper cultural context to examine the "proto-cultures" of the three "cradles" posited by Diop: northern, southern, and the zone of confluence).

Allen leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Lia White-Allen, and four children: Saiid, Khephren, Akosua, and Djoser.