

# In Memoriam: Miriam Ma'At-Ka-Re Monges



Miriam Ma'At-Ka-Re Monges (1950-2006). In 1995 professor Monges became an assistant professor of Social Work at California State University, Chico where she held a joint appointment in the Multicultural and Gender Studies Program, and in 2002 she was promoted to the rank of professor. She received a Ph.D. in African American Studies from Temple University in 1995, a M.S.W. also from Temple University in 1979, and a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. She was a founding member of the Institute of Africana Social Work at Temple University, she created and conducted a "rites-of-passage" program called "Candaces" for young African American women, had numerous articles published in the *Journal of Black Studies*, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* and in other scholarly journals. In 1999, Monges was the recipient of the Maggie Award given for her

outstanding service to women in Chico, California; she was honored by the National Association of Black Social Workers, and she was a community worker in the breakfast program of the Black Panther Party in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, NY at the Ralph Avenue Community Center. Her article "The Shebanization of Knowledge" is a part of *Afrocentricity and the Academy: Essays on Theory and Practice* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2003) edited by James L. Conyers, Jr., and she is the author of *Kush, the Jewel of Nubia: Reconnecting the Root System of African Civilization* (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 1996), the first book on the ancient African kingdom of Kush written by an African American scholar.



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