



Gwendolyn Gordon

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“ Gwendolyn Gordon

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I spent the summer of 2006 with Gwen and a few of our friends studying for the Bar Examination. Studying for the bar was terrible but it was made manageable and dare I say fun because I had Gwen as a companion in the journey. This was one of many experiences we shared together as law students, where I was able to experience her kindness, warmth, and wit. I also saw just how committed she was to walking her own path and pursuing her own interests. I value very much the time I had with her. She touched many lives including mine. I send my condolences to her family.*

Elvita Dominique - January 06, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *From the very beginning we knew God had placed a special angel in our midst. Like others, we recognized how beautiful, talented, brilliant, witty, and charming Gwen was. We had the opportunity to witness Gwen's independence, courageous, and caring nature. She was definitely loved by her cousin (the Virginia & Florida branches) and aunts. Gwen you are now free to spread your wings and not be "Earthbound " but travel amongst the "heavens and stars". Until we meet again! Gwen we love you! "The Aunties" Aunt Elaine, Aunt Dorothy, Aunt Gail, Aunt Maxine "Gordon"*

Frances Randolph - January 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

RT

“Gwen was a vital part of our Legal Anthropology working group and I had numerous opportunities to learn from her over the past year. Only six weeks ago we were on Zoom together and her expansive, unaffected style of commentary shone through. Gwen made a big impact on me; we were both “legal anthros” in the land of business ethics. I felt a kinship with her and looked forward to many more conversations together. This is a huge loss that will reverberate for a long time.

Riaz Tejani - January 04, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“Gwen was a brilliant scholar who dared to pursue excellence in learning and to think outside the normative boxes her peers and colleagues were content to persist within. I met Gwen when she came to the Penn Museum to give a colloquium talk to the Anthropology Department in Spring 2019. When I went to chat with Gwen after her presentation, she invited me to meet up and have coffee. Gwen was one of the few Black women anthropologists on campus and a Southerner, and those two commonalities began the long and beautiful conversation we shared that afternoon. Even though she could be difficult to get a hold of, when Gwen showed up, she showed up fully with a kindness and generosity that I will never forget. I feel so honored and blessed that she chose to come to my dissertation proposal defense in November 2021, even though it had been months since we talked, even though she was not formally a part of my orals committee. Gwen asked insightful questions, shared research wisdom, and enthusiastically encouraged me to keep going with my work. She asked: "How will you know you are done?" and I think this is a beautiful and important question we must all ask ourselves whenever we choose to labor something into being.



Thank you Gwen for the gifts you offered me and the world. I pray your spirit is at peace.

Rest in Power Gwendolyn Gordon, JD PhD

*-G. Maris Jones, PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology,
University of Pennsylvania*

Maris - January 03, 2022 at 04:18 PM

MA

“ I met Gwen when I was a postdoc at Princeton in 2013. We talked a lot about the (fraught) relationship of law and anthropology. I loved how she talked about her fields. I found her ethnographic writing to be brilliant and engaging. She had her own voice. She once said that legal anthros were like the island of misfit toys. Well, I hope you have found your never-never land, Gwen. - Matthew Erie

Matthew - December 29, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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Carolyn Rouse - December 27, 2021 at 08:25 PM