I have just learned that Professor Emeritus Tony Martin died on Thursday in Trinidad, where he lived. Professor Martin was a founding member of the Africana Studies Department, where he taught from 1973 until his retirement in 2007.

Professor Martin was a popular teacher and an energetic and widely published scholar, having authored, compiled, or edited 14 books, published many articles and reviews, and received numerous academic and community awards, including a grant from the American Philosophical Society. He was a sought-after lecturer and keynote speaker around the world.

Before coming to Wellesley, Professor Martin taught at the University of Michigan-Flint, and, in Trinidad, at Cipriani Labour College and St. Mary’s College. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Minnesota, Brandeis University, Brown University, Colorado College, and he was an honorary research fellow at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad.

My thoughts are with Professor Martin’s family and friends during this difficult time.