

When Great Trees Fall, New Ones Grow

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My mentor was the Giant on whose shoulders I stood. When his guidance faded, I lamented the ground approaching rapidly beneath me. Deeply uncertain, I recentered and drove my roots deeply into the earth. Years later, students, colleagues, and faculty now stand on my shoulders. Channeling Maya Angelou: When great trees fall, new ones grow.