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GBC Chair: Leedonal 'Jazz' Moore

- **Meetings:**

- Twanna -> fundraising event Portugal
- Karen Frankenstein
- Candice Kerestan

- **Recent activities:**

- Unstoppable Blue Wave Fundraiser Event held in Portugal (due to flue only was able to participate virtually)
- Reviewed reparations messaging concept proposal from Malaika
- Uploaded Wiki
- Participated in EMEA Regional Call
- Participated Caucus Leaders meeting
- Sent out GBC newsletter
- Sent out various social media posts
- Held Fundraising calls
- Reviewed new volunteer inquiries

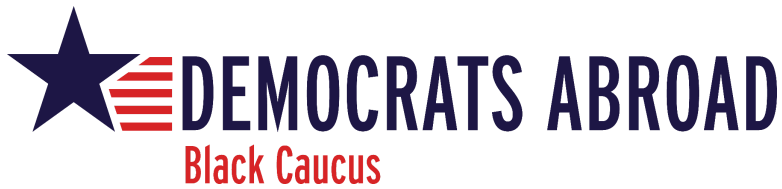
- **Upcoming projects:**

- Continuing 2023/24 strategy planning

- **Events held:**

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- **Events planned:**



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- **Issues/Themes:**
 - Black Vote and Voice is still being dismissed within DA - ongoing
- **Asks from Global:**
 - Requested the GOTV team too include the caucuses in their efforts for the next cycle - ongoing

GBC Vice-Chair: *vacant*

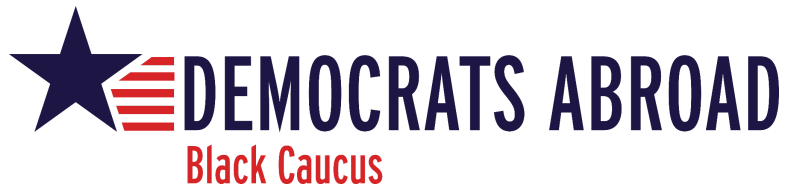
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GBC Secretary: Starla Goggins

- The November minutes were sent to Jazz, the links for reports and the December meeting were sent to the Steering Committee Members.

GBC Secretary: Deputy: Laura Allen:

- Met with Merril Oates and received links to start training for IT Liaison. The plan is to do the training/testing over the holiday break.
- Thank you to Jazz for keeping the wiki updated! I got a bit behind after my New Orleans trip but will continue updating moving forward.

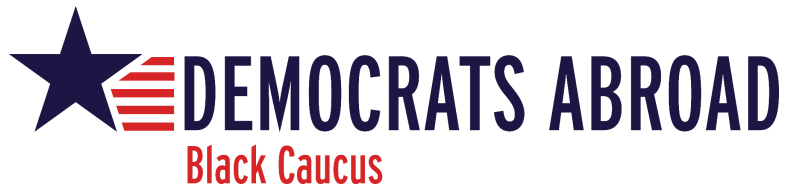


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GBC DNC - Black Caucus Representative: Adrienne George

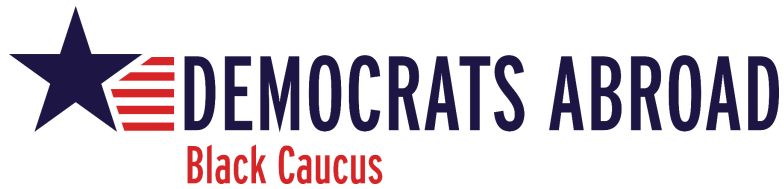
- Continuously updated DNC section on the DA Wiki.
- Continuously amplify Democratic Party and DA social media messaging.
- Participated in Arizona State Party ballot curing phonebanking.
- Attended DA Georgia Runoff planning meeting.
- Attended biweekly meeting, as Secretary of the DNC Midwestern Caucus, with the Caucus Chair.
- Compiled midwestern states election results.
- Drafted DNC Midwestern Caucus email to members.
- Attended DA Executive Committee call.
- Previously unreported in July: attended two DNC Midwest Caucus Bylaws meetings as team lead.

GBC Advisory Liaison: Adrienne Johnson



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- The theme of this year's Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference was "Advancing Our Purpose. Elevating Our Power". We need to align our work over the next 30 days and beyond to meet the challenge.
- Among this year's programs were : "Leveraging the Power of Black Women's Leadership In The Fight For Our Rights, Freedoms, Safety, Justice & Democracy." the session addressed how Black women drive Black political power and discussed findings from this year's BWR/ESSENCE [Power of the Sister Vote Poll](#), which measures Black women's perspectives on policies that affect us.
- The 2022 Town Hall focused on carrying on the legacy and journey of Black political progress, lessons learned, and strategic partnerships to advance Black liberation
- Research published this year under the auspices of the CBCF covers issues such as AI and how it affects you (unintended consequences), the history of reparations in the U.S. - Evanston, IL case study looking at how a current proposal there to enact restorative justice via housing assistance , the impact of the Dobbs decision on the Black maternal health crisis, and why student loan debt cancellation matters for our community (Black alumni endure the most negative impacts of student loan debt. While the average borrower owes almost \$40,000 in debt, Black borrowers owe an average of \$25,000 more than white borrowers.)
- Are there any other issues the GBC wants to highlight?



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GBC Comms: Malaika Kusumi

- Focus was on phone banking for GA elections
- Created the 1st step Powerpoint document for the reparation outreach concept of Inform, Inspire, Involve.
- Currently working on the 2-slide Power Point presentation of the outreach program strategy for DAB, GBC, and the general public.
- Working on visual ad-like messaging for reparations, and GBC participation in general.

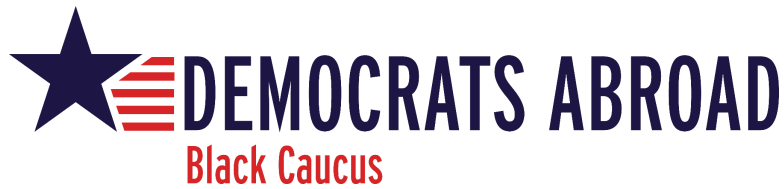
GBC Comms - Deputy: Evelyn Riera

Same duties on DA GBC FB page. New FB interface was changed for the better. Problems solved.

- DA GBC Facebook page administration including sharing from and to other pages/groups of interest e.g. RTF, VFA, state groups, DA or non-affiliated groups.
Answering incoming mail if possible
- Admin: DAG Black Caucus (group)

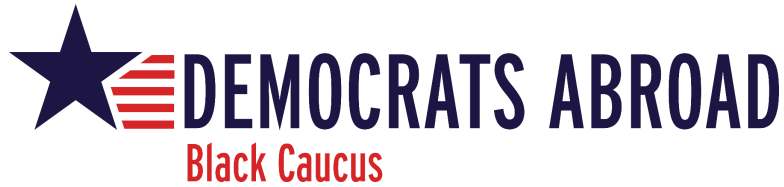
GBC Reparations: Antar Keith

What the RTF has done:



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- **Awaiting Dr. William "Sandy" Darity for a Reparations event, reached out through mutual contact.**
- **Former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner confirmed.**
- **Sync with Japanese Latin American reparations movement representative to extend reparations activism to AP-region (specifically in Japan).**
- **Wrote members of Global ExCom to facilitate letter to VP Harris**
- **Submitted VP Kamala Harris invitation to Jarryd Rauch**
- **DNC member Jarryd Rauch confirmed VP Harris team's successful receipt of RTF invitation.**
- **Working on resources for arguments / economic model, and resource library incl. "pros & cons" document**
- **Meeting with Kenniss Henry of HR 40 coalition for joining any potential meeting with VP**
- **Held sync with ProDA leaders to discuss shared goals and help devise future events (prison abolition event, invite extended to GBC)**
- **Connected with US-based reparationist NAASD organization.**
- **Connected with Chair of California State Reparations Task Force**
- **Discussed major interfaith, tripartisan, HR 40 coalitional, international org outreach strategies.**
- **Working to support Black Creek Nation (via Kaitlyn Kennedy)**
- **Invited Tulsa, OK's Damario Solomon-Simmons to Germany for reparations research, solidarity, and coordination (via Kaitlyn Kennedy).**



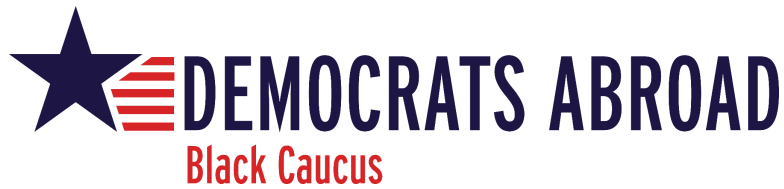
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- **Devising strategy for labor rights organizing + Black reparations combined strategy for multiracial reparations activism.**
- **RTF collaborating with ProDA to contact newly elected Congressional members who lean progressive and can provide insight and support for ProDA-led prison abolition event.**
- **Kenniss Henry has agreed to join RTF and ProDA in prison abolition event with focus on Louisiana.**
- **Kenniss Henry submitted robust resource guide to educate people on reparative justice**
- **K. Henry's resources and Daniel Stein's Living Library posted to RTF Nation Builder page.**

2. Upcoming projects:

- **Debate with reparations scholars**
- **Contacting new congressional point people for reparative justice advocacy in the Democratic Party**
- **Drafting international letter for advocacy**
- **Arranging meetings with any and all US political leaders in support of executive order and/or House legislation.**
- **RTF's Daniel Stein and Marnie Delaney held meeting to discuss devising an economic model of harm areas.**
- **Continuing work on devising arguments for reparations that clarify common misconceptions.**

3. Events held:

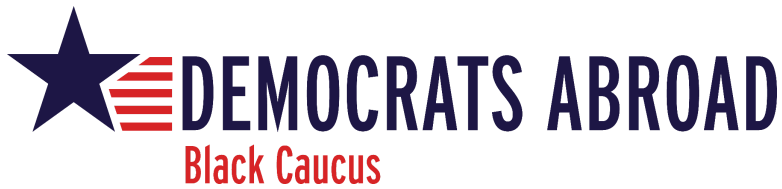


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- **Nov 30 RTF meeting**
- **Meetings with ProDA and NY reparations study group to mainstream reparations advocacy**

4. Events planned:

- **Continuing bipartisan / tripartisan outreach.**
- **Developing long-term strategy to secure DA/DNC funding for Reparations-themed (Black and multiracial progressive focused) GOTV outreach project.**
- **Development of social media networking/communicational forces to reassert dominance of progressive reparations messaging.**
- **Reparations Finance Lab's Enith Williams to join us to help develop an economic model for education.**
- **Will work to identify book club opportunities in collaboration with existing and potential book clubs within DA.**
- **Will integrate book club into wider HR 40 coalition.**
- **Expecting Malaika's 2-page presentation to activate Black GBC members to get involved in RTF.**
- **Will develop a robust 3 to 5 year strategy to submit to Candice Kerestan and the Global ExCom in order to receive global support for Reparations-themed GOTV event, messaging, and advertising.**
- **Will develop reparations-themed Progressive Monthly Mondays event.**
- **Draft international letter.**
- **Reach out to faith organizations**



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5. **Issues/Themes:**

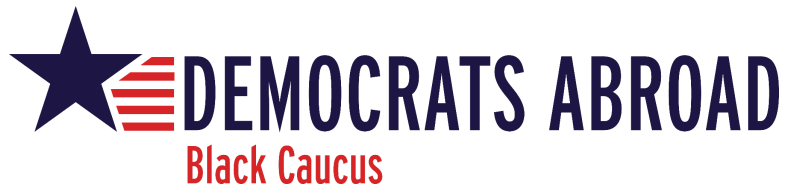
- **Direct lobbying of representatives to support a federal reparations commission**

6. **Asks of GBC**

- **Resumption of monthly GBC Newsletter accompanied with reparations-related information. (Utilize and convey info from RTF monthly newsletter + minutes)**
- **Disseminate call to action for survey creator form a list of GBC members willing to engage in mass CallStorm/EmailStorm (can only be done by members with access to GBC email list)**
- **Disseminate call to action for informed volunteers to lead reparations-themed events for GBC during Black History Month.**
- **Disseminate call to action for social media volunteers**
- **Disseminate need for dedicated RTF volunteer secretary (for organizing docs, creating libraries of data, Wiki maintenance)**
- **RTF respectfully requests GBC to please provide Natalie with relevant caucus info (when available) to disseminate during monthly RTF meetings.**

GBC Reparations - Deputy: Natalie Bachiri

- **You can read this most recent Reparations Task Force meeting we had this week listed above to see all that we are working on with Reparations. Antar will not be**



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here today for this meeting and I will go over it. We look forward to doing more with the Reparations Task Force as noted. I am also temporarily in the United States now and have been having many conversations with many people with regards to what DA does and the GBC Caucus and Reparations and can share some of that.

GBC Press / Media: Traci Möller

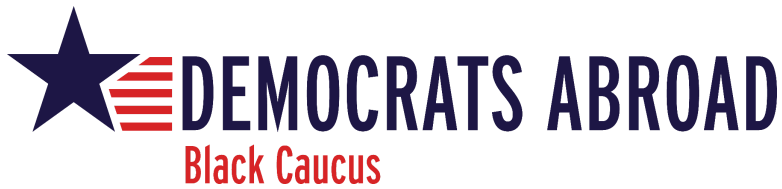
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GBC Press / Media - Deputy: Cedric Sumo

- **Drafted letter for a media outreach campaign to begin soon/ the purpose is to get the word out about us and about the upcoming midterms.**

GBC Legal Counsel: Michele O'Brien

- **Statement re impact of recent Supreme Court decisions – ongoing collaboration with Andrew and Adrienne**



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GBC Legal Counsel - Deputy: Andrew Morgan

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GBC Network: Kenton Barnes

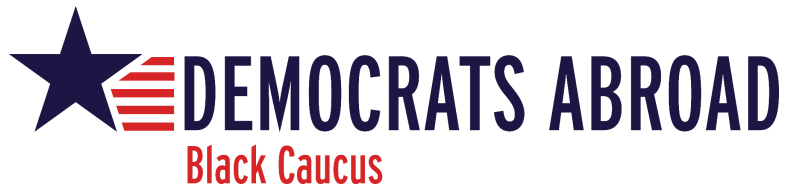
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GBC Network - Deputy: Renee Rousseau

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GBC Library: Beverle Lax

- **Our last meeting was September 25, 2022. My task to fill in the spreadsheet designed by Jazz with the resources already identified and listed in a previous list was not met. However, Adrienne continued to collect resources and did attempt to fill in the spreadsheet. Since then I have attempted to fill in the spreadsheet with resources already identified, an exercise from which several questions concerning the process have arisen. In September's meeting we decided to continue with our tasks as we can, and we will have a meeting after the midterm elections.**



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- Meanwhile, I attended the EMEA Regional Meeting on 6th October at which a DA Kenya (DAKE) member and volunteer presented on our GOTV activities for the month of September. I prepared the visuals of our activities in a slide deck for the meeting.
- I also attended DA's California Congressional District event. This event was informative and inspirational.

GBC Engagement: Evelyn Riera

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GBC Health Equity: Twanna A. Hines

- I represented Global Health Equity at Democrats Abroad's California Dreaming series, featuring: Jay Chen - CA 45; Kermit Jones - CA 03; Rep. Katie Porter - CA 47; and Will Rollins - CA 41. Adam Gray - CA 13 also joined the event. The purpose of the event was to give a platform to swing vote candidates.
- During the month of October, I reached out to local vendors to help build the Unstoppable Blue Wave event.