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**GBC Chair: Leedonal 'Jazz' Moore**

- **Meetings**

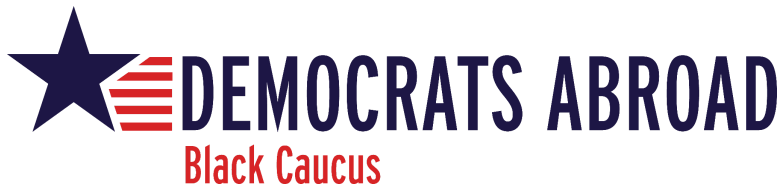
- Jenn Edwards
- Malaika
- Laura
- Jarryd Rauch
- Jaime Harrison, Clay Middleton
- Twanna

- **Recent activities:**

- Attended Clay Middleton candidate event
- Meeting with Jaime and Clay -> GBC is finally getting a seat at the tables!
- Met some of our steering committee members at DA-G AGM
- Sent out Newsletter
- Created Social Media Survey <https://forms.gle/tgfyfgWvx5mcprd38>
- Shared various social media messages and posts
- Participated in DA Canada AGM and represented DA Canada BC
- Created Black Twitter account

- **Ongoing activities:**

- Global AGM GBC opening event in planning
- Working on the GBC Library - ongoing
- Working on 2023/24 GBC Strategie - ongoing
- Drafting talking points for conscious communications - ongoing
- Housekeeping of the GBC Wiki -> Assigned our Dep. Secretary - ongoing



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- **Updated & Filed:**
  - none
- **Mobilize:**
  - none
- **Intercom:**
  - No inquiries from here
- **Social Media Platforms:**
  - First round of testing Mastadon finalized -> Start testing next stage - ongoing
  - Black Twitter testing - ongoing
  - Shared WHM message and resources

### Events (held):

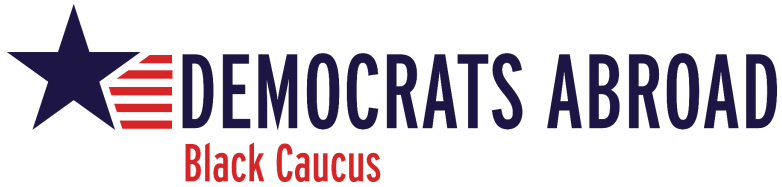
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### Events (planned or in development):

- Racial Wealth Gap discussion with Prof Byron Wilson, Sen. Booker & Mehrst Baradaran
- Proposed collaborative event with ECCC
- DA China proposed a collaborative book club event - early planning
- Global AGM (Smithsonian & Cocktail Reception)

### Asks from Global:

**GBC Vice-Chair: Jenn Edwards**



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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.

### **Planning a Black History message for the DA Canada Caucus**

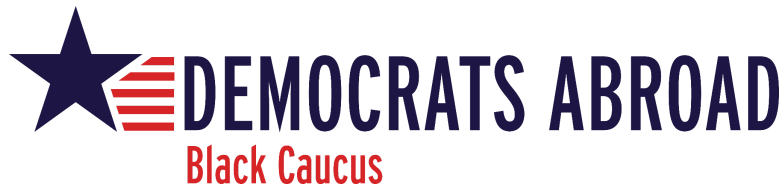
- I attend our DA Toronto local chapter AGM along with Laura and we presented slides on future plans to present a speaker event during Juneteenth on Voter Protection to Canada Black Caucus and DA Canada.
- I sent the GBC minutes for March, Report request and the meeting link

### **GBC Secretary: Deputy: Laura Allen:**

- Attended DA Toronto AGM with Starla and presented on Black Caucus
- Updated Wiki
- Drafted plan for Black Expats Project

### **GBC DNC - Black Caucus Representative: Adrienne George**

- Continuously updated DNC section on the DA Wiki
- Continuously amplified Democratic Party and DA social media messaging



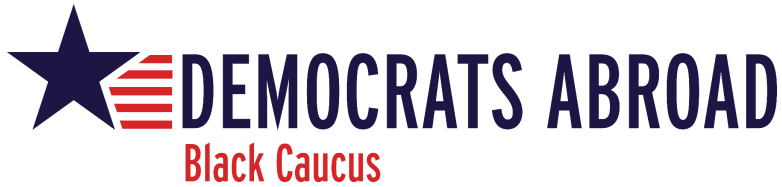
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- Attended “Racially Charged” film Screening and Discussion
- Attended scheduled call with Jarryd Rausch
- Attended DNC Member call with Chair Harrison
- Attended working meeting with DNC Midwestern Caucus Chair in my role as Caucus Secretary
- Edited DNC Midwestern Caucus newsletter
- Attended DA DSP Town Hall
- Plan to attend DA Sweden AGM on 26 March 2023

### GBC Advisory Liaison: Adrienne Johnson

- 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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- DA Elections Preparations - With country committee and global elections coming up, who is running? What's our strategy? What are our talking points?
- *AJ - Met Malcolm Kenyatta, his husband Matt Kenyatta (urban planner from L.A.), and Tim Harris, director of the documentary about them (Kenyatta: Do Not Wait Your Turn). There should not be a problem organizing a screening if we want to.*
- *She's hard to get on to but Erika Alexander is doing a lot of work to elevate the discussion about reparations right now. As agreed with Antar, AJ will reach out to her again.*

#### **GBC Comms: Malaika Kusumi**

Campaigned for Frankfurt Chapter Vice Chair—won

Campaigned for DPCA Voting Rep—won

Attended Reparations Task Force Meeting: reported GBC activities, discussion on enhanced

Collobarative efforts going forward

Attended AGM and following DPCA meeting

Appointed to Exe Con Budget & tent committee

Working on copy for Reparation Task Force & Outreach Program

Considering creating a German Black Caucus

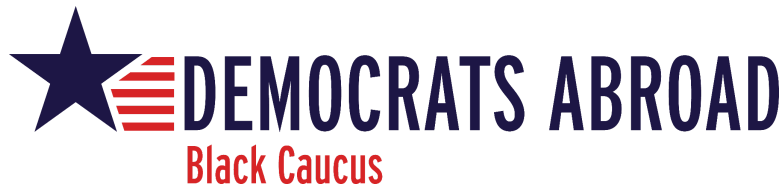
#### **GBC Comms - Deputy: Evelyn Riera**

Withdrew candidacy for DPCA voting rep

Attended DAG AGM - met Malaika and Jazz in person!

Nothing to report vis à vis Facebook

#### **GBC Reparations: Antar Keith**

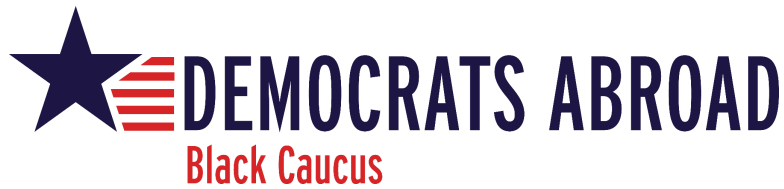


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### What the RTF has done:

- 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).
- 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.



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- 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:

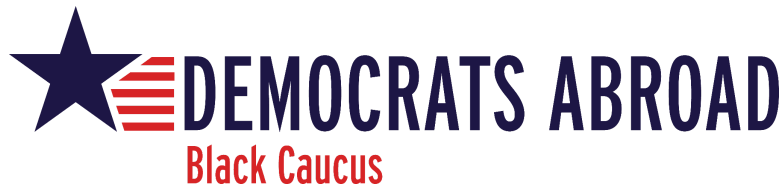
- Debate with reparations scholars
- Contacting new congressional point people for reparative justice advocacy in the Democratic Party
- Drafting international letter for advocacy
- Arranging meetings with any and all US political leaders in support of executive order and/or House legislation.
- RTF's 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:

- 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.



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- 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

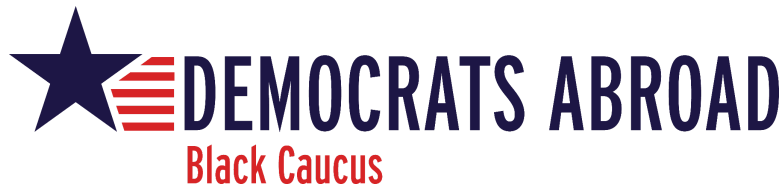
### 5. Issues/Themes:

- 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.





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- 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 and we had a very nice one again this week on Wednesday to see all that we are working on with Reparations. 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.

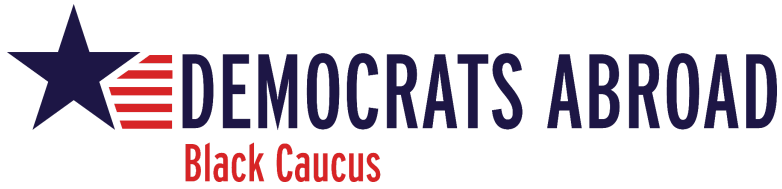
### GBC Press / Media: Traci Möller

- Nothing to report

### 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



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

**GBC Legal Counsel - Deputy: Andrew Morgan**

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**GBC Network: Vacant**

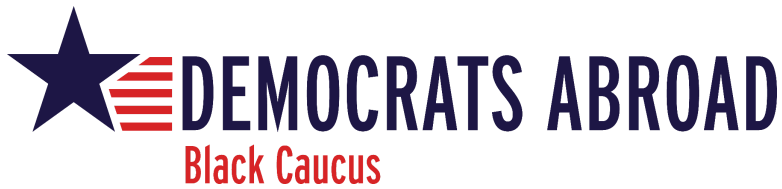
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**GBC Network - Deputy: Renee Rousseau**

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**GBC Library: Beverle Lax**

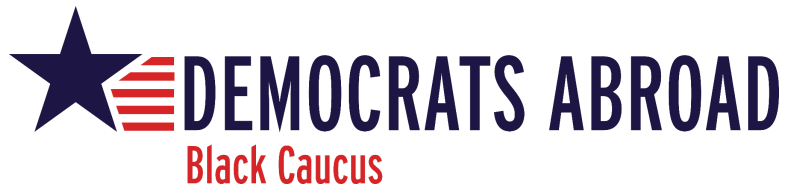
- Our last meeting was September 25, 2022. My task to fill in the spreadsheet designed by Jazz with the resources already identified and listed in a previous list was not met. However, Adrienne continued to collect resources and did attempt to fill in the spreadsheet. Since then I have attempted to fill 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.
- Nothing to report
- Nothing to report on the Library Resources
- I am preparing to run again as Counsel for DAKE
- I was appointed a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee for Non Country Committees. We had a first meeting on Feb 11, 2023, and we are working on the initial announcement for the call for candidates
- I attended the EMEA meeting of Feb 1, 2023
- As a member of the Non-Country Committee Nominations and Elections Committee (NonCC-NEC), my particular niche was Compliance. We held Election Meetings for all three regions on March 25, 2023, and announced the 3 winning candidates for the DPCA Voting Representatives for each respective region: Americas; Asia-Pacific; and Europe, Middle East, and Africa.
- I was re-elected as Counsel for the 2023- 2025 Executive Committee of DAKE at our AGM held on March 26, 2023. At the meet and greet immediately before the AGM started, I recruited a DAKE member to be nominated from the floor for the position of Treasurer, a position that had been vacant for 6 months, and he was elected Treasurer for the 2023-2025 Executive Committee of DAKE.
- I participated as a vendor of baked goods in my neighborhood bazaar, Rhapta Road Bazaar, on March 5, 2023, and I donated baked goods for the American Women's Association of Kenya's bake sale for charity on March 18, 2023.
- Work on the Library Resources project is slow on my part, but ongoing all the same



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### GBC Engagement: Evelyn Riera

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### GBC Health Equity: Twanna A. Hines

- To strategically align health equity efforts among the wider global community, from 7:30 - 10:00 pm WEST at Collect on January 23, 2023, GBC Health Equity chair attended the introductory meeting of the International Practitioners Community meeting in Portugal. Attendees included 62 representatives from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, World Bank, IFC, United Nations, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, and elsewhere. The networking event laid the foundation for potential future collaborations.
- For the Democrats Abroad Global Seniors and Disability Caucuses, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm WEST on February 24, 2023, the GBC Health Equity chair presented a talk, "Racism is the Risk Factor". The purpose of the talk was to connect with one DA members and share information about health equity is an election issue for Americans living in the U.S. and abroad.