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GBC Chair: Leedonal 'Jazz' Moore

- **Meetings**

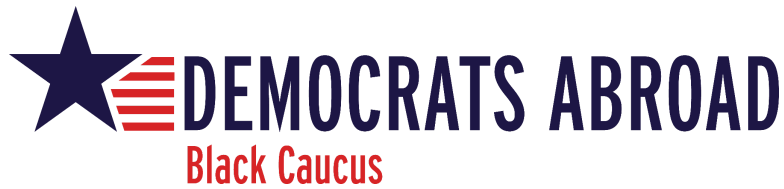
- Jenn Edwards
- Jarryd Rauch
- Candice Kerestan
- Jaime Harrison
- Betsy Ettore & Marnie Delany
- Michael Lange (*Texas Land Commissioner candidate*)

- **Recent activities:**

- Attended Jaime Harrison event in Paris & London
- Participated and presented at DA China's BHM event
- Participated and presented at Disabilities & Seniors Caucuses event
- Met Michele O'brian and Adrienne Johnson in person
- Sent out Newsletter
- Recorded BHM video
- Recieved GBC Newsletter content shared by DNC Black Caucus
- Shared various social media messages and posts
- Senator Wyden & Senator Merkley - awaiting response
- Participated in DA Sweden BHM event
- Participated in ProDA Bill of Economic Rights Event (+ *techsupport*)
- Participated in RTF event (+ *techsupport*)

- **Ongoing activities:**

- Global AGM GBC opening event in planning



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- Onboarding session with new GBC-VC - ongoing
- 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

- **Updated & Filed:**
 - none

- **Mobilize:**
 - none

- **Intercom:**
 - No inquiries from here

- **Social Media Platforms:**
 - First round of testing Mastadon finalized -> Start testing next stage - ongoing
 - Shared BHM message and resources

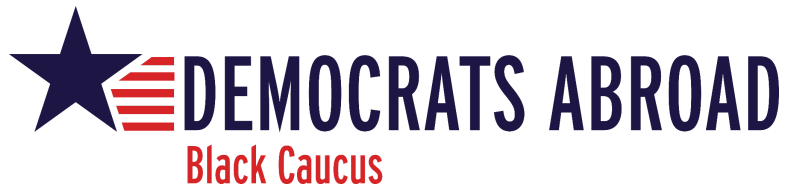
Events (held):

- Interview with Urs Althaus

Events (planned or in development):

- Proposed collaborative event with ECCC
- Clint Smith, How the world is passed - early planning
- DA China proposed a collaborative book club event - early planning

Asks from Global:



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- After the midterms GBC is hoping and requesting that DA creates incentives and initiatives to root out internal unconscious bias and racism. - ongoing

GBC Vice-Chair: Jenn Edwards

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GBC Secretary: Starla Goggins

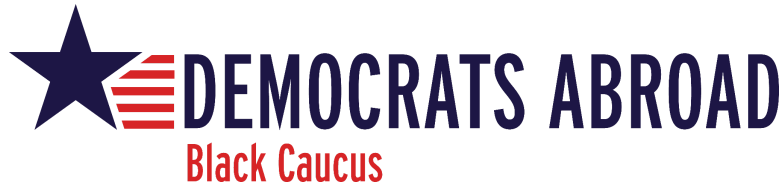
- The November minutes were sent to Jazz, the links for reports and the December meeting were sent to the Steering Committee Members.

Planning a Black History message for the DA Canada Caucus

GBC Secretary: Deputy: Laura Allen:

- Completing IT Liaison tests.
- Drafted Canada Black Caucus article for DA Canada news page.
- Wiki is all up to date for 2022 and we are set up for record keeping in the new year.
- Drafting up content ideas about famous/well-known Black Expats!

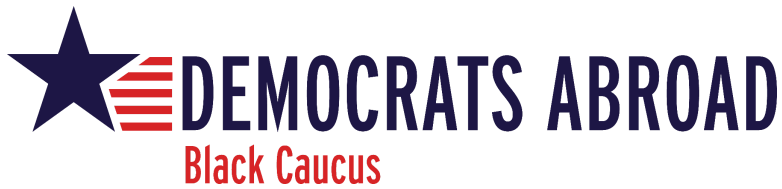
GBC DNC - Black Caucus Representative: Adrienne George



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- Continuously updated DNC section on the DA Wiki.
- Continuously amplified Democratic Party and DA social media messaging.
- Updated DA Caucus spreadsheet with completed tasks from DNC Meeting based on their requests.
- Encouraged my DA DNC Colleagues to update the DA Caucus spreadsheet with their accomplishments from DNC Meeting based on the Caucus leaders' requests.
- Asked Global Caucus Coordinator to notify Caucus leaders of the updated spreadsheet.
- Drafted GBC newsletter submission for inclusion in the DNC BC newsletter and submitted to GBC Chair.
- Invited Terrance from HIT Strategies via email, first on February 3rd and most recently as February 22nd, to present his findings on the black Male Vote to DA GBC via a webinar.
- Received Terrance from HIT Strategy's presentation and distributed it to the GBC Steering Committee via email on February 22nd.
- Submitted final copy of GBC text for newsletter to DNC BC Secretary. I have ensured GBCs inclusion in nearly every edition of the DNC BC newsletter since my first DNC term. See their newsletter archives here:
<https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/search?text=DNC%20Black%20Caucus%20Newsletter>
- Participated in DA call with DNC Chair Harrison. Appreciated the shout out he gave DAs DNC Members.
- Call with DA Chair.
- Drafted DNC Midwestern Caucus February meeting minutes.
- Call with DNC Midwestern Caucus Chair.

GBC Advisory Liaison: Adrienne Johnson



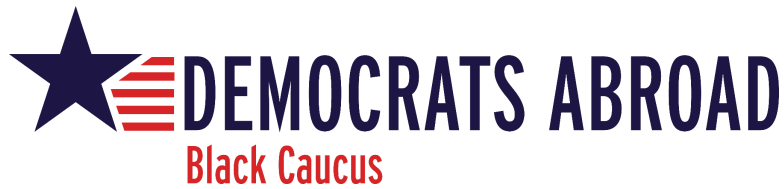
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- The theme of this year's Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference was "Advancing Our Purpose. Elevating Our Power". We need to align our work over the next 30 days and beyond to meet the challenge.
- Among this year's programs 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?
- *DA Elections Preparations - With country committee and global elections coming up, who is running? What's our strategy? What are our talking points?*

GBC Comms: Malaika Kusumi

Attendance: Reparations meetings

- Training DPCA
- Supporting Current Phone Banking
- Running for Vice-chair Frankfurt Chapter and DPCA voting representative for Germany.
- Submitted two articles: reparations & QLBTG issues.



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- Submitted question for Jaime Harrison event.
- Working on meeting monthly article assignments
- Working on Reparation “ads” e-g- What the RFT!
- Working on Reparation article series

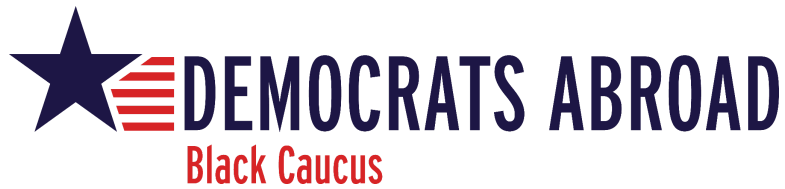
GBC Comms - Deputy: Evelyn Riera

- Nothing to report

GBC Reparations: Antar Keith

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)

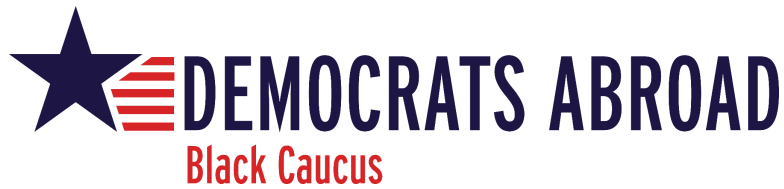


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- Connected with US-based reparations NAASD organization.
- Connected with Chair of California State Reparations Task Force
- Discussed major interfaith, tripartisan, HR 40 coalitional, international org outreach strategies.
- Working to support Black 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.
- 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.



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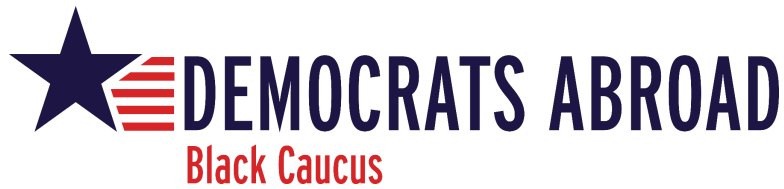
- Continuing work on devising arguments for reparations that clarify common misconceptions.

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.
- 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:

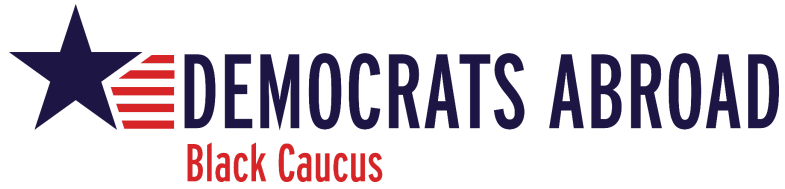
- Direct lobbying of representatives to support a federal reparations commission

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 at the end of January listed above 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.



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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

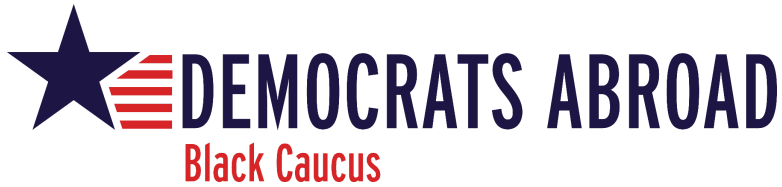
- Statement re impact of recent Supreme Court decisions – ongoing collaboration with Andrew and Adrienne

GBC Legal Counsel - Deputy: Andrew Morgan

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GBC Network: Kenton Barnes

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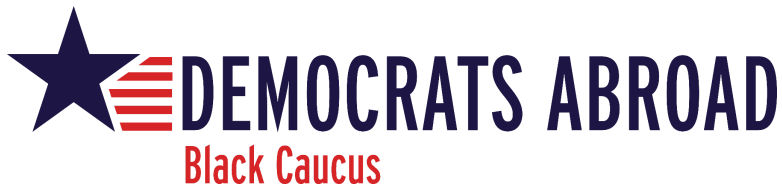
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GBC Network - Deputy: Renee Rousseau

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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.
- 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



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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.