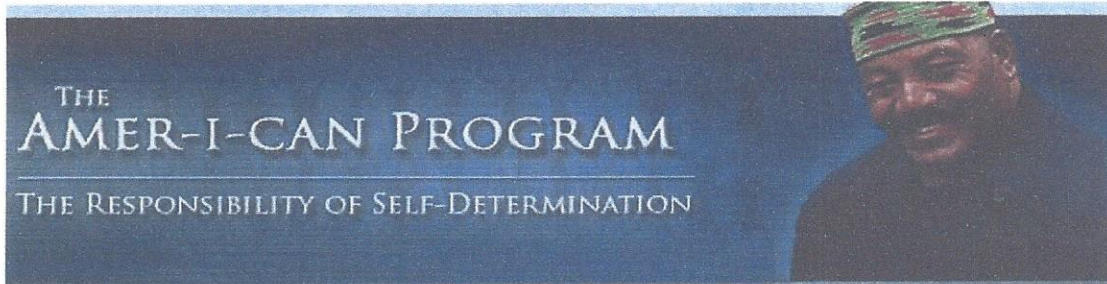


# CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS COMMUNITY RE-INVESTMENT TASKFORCE

*Presents*



**JIM BROWN, FOUNDER**  
Former NFL Cleveland Browns  
Hall of Fame Football Player

## **Briefing and Panel**

## **Opening Remarks**

**Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson and Rep. Danny K. Davis**

### Invited Give Remarks

Rep. Bennie Thompson	Rep. James Clyburn
Rep. Bobby Scott	Rep. Barbara Lee
Rep. Hank Johnson	Rep. John Lewis
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	Rep. Diane Watson
Rep. Andre Carson	Rep. Keith Ellison
Rep. John Conyers, Jr.	

Wednesday, October 28, 2009  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Longworth House Office Building Room 1100  
Washington, D.C.

Bernard Moore, Ph.D., Senior Policy Fellow  
Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis  
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**CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT TASKFORCE**



**Rethinking Federal Sentencing Policy  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sentencing Reform Act**

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Participants Include



***HON. STEPHEN BREYER, Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of the United States***



***ERIC HOLDER, JR., Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice***



***CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR. Executive Director  
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race  
& Justice, Harvard Law School  
Harvard Law School***



***KATE STITH, Acting Dean  
Yale Law School***



***CRAIG WATKINS, District Attorney  
County of Dallas***

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Wednesday, June 24, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

U.S. Capitol Visitors Center  
Orientation Theater South  
Washington, D.C.

**Welcome and Opening remarks by**

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX)

Rep. Danny Davis (IL)

Rep. Charles Rangel (NY)

**Welcome and Introduction of Attorney General by**

Rep. John Conyers (MI)

Remarks by

Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Introduction of Justice Breyer

Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Executive Director,

Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, Harvard Law School

Hon. Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice

Supreme Court of the United States

Craig Watkins, District Attorney

County of Dallas

Kate Stith, Acting Dean

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**Mandatory Minimums**

**Panel One: Rep. Maxine Waters (CA)**

History of Mandatory Minimums

Nancy Gertner, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Hon. J. Spencer Letts, Judge, U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation

**Panel Two: Rep. Bobby Scott (VA)**

The need for repeal including legislative update

A.J. Kramer, Federal Defender, Federal Public Defender of the District of Columbia

Julie Stewart, President, Families Against Mandatory Minimums

Marc Mauer, Executive Director, Sentencing Project

Margaret Love, Former Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

**Disparity between Crack and Powder Cocaine**

**Panel Three: Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX)**

Hon. Reggie B. Walton, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Hon. William Sessions, Vice Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission

Bruce Nicholson, Legislative Counsel, American Bar Association

David Kirby, Former United States Attorney for the District of Vermont

**Good Time, Community Corrections and Reentry**

**Panel Four: Rep. Danny K. Davis (IL)**

Hon. Ann Aiken, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of the District of Oregon

Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons

Loretta S. Martin, Chief Probation Officer for the Central District of California

Patricia K. Cushwa, Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission

Jane Browning, Executive Director, International Community Corrections Association

Kristen Mamer, Director Public Affairs, FedCure

# RETHINKING FEDERAL SENTENCING POLICY

## *25th Anniversary of the Sentencing Reform Act*

Wednesday, June 24, 2009  
4:00–7:00 p.m.

United States Capitol Visitor Center  
Orientation Theater—South, Washington, D.C.

*Welcome and Opening remarks by*

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*Remarks by*

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Supreme Court of the United States

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### HISTORY OF MANDATORY MINIMUMS

#### Panel One: Rep. Maxine Waters (CA)

- Hon. Nancy Gertner, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- Hon. J. Spencer Letts, Judge, U.S. District Court, Central District of California
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### THE NEED FOR REPEAL INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### DISPARITY BETWEEN CRACK & POWDER COCAINE

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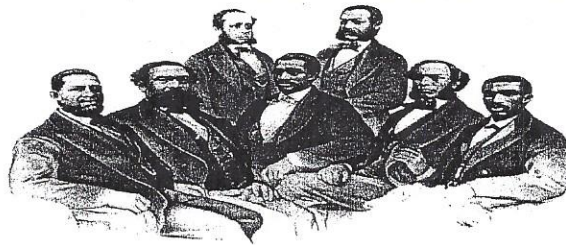
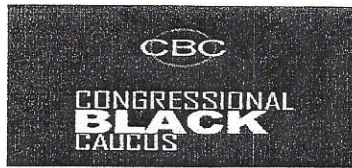
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**Cordially invites you to attend**

**Black History Month Reception Honoring  
Black American Members of Congress  
During the Reconstruction Period 1870-1901  
&  
Current CBC Members  
Former CBC Members of the Modern Era**

**Opening Remarks:** Rep. Barbara Lee, CBC Chairwoman  
**Remarks:** Rep. John Conyers, Founding CBC Member  
Rep. Charles Rangel, Founding CBC Member  
Senator Edward Brooke, CBC Member

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**U.S. Capitol  
Statuary Hall**

Contact: Bernard Moore  
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## MEDIA ALERT



### CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

CHANGE COURSE, CONFRONT CRISES, CONTINUE THE LEGACY

Rep. Danny K. Davis (7<sup>th</sup> IL) announces that the CBC will host an historic symposium entitled "Black American Members of Congress during the Reconstruction Period 1870-1901" in recognition of Black History Month. The event will occur on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Committee on Ways & Means hearing room, Room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building.

Remarks will be given by:

Rep. Barbara Lee, Chair, CBC and Rep. Danny K. Davis

Sen. Roland Burris	Rep. Edolphus Towns	Rep. James Clyburn
Rep. Charles Rangel	Rep. Bennie Thompson	Rep. John Conyers
Rep. John Lewis	Rep. Artur Davis	Rep. Corrine Brown
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson	Rep. Mel Watt	Rep. Bobby Scott
Rep. Bobby Scott	Rep. David Scott	

Moderator: Wilmer J. Leon, III, PhD, Talk Show Host

Panelist: Lorenzo Morris, PhD, Professor  
Howard University

Ronald Walters, PhD, Professor  
University of Maryland

Greg Carr, PhD, Professor  
Howard University

Felicia Bell, Historian  
U.S. Capitol Historic Society

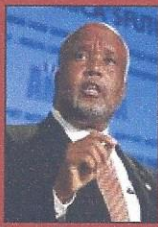
Closing Remarks: Kendrick Meek, Chairman  
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

# An Evening with Members of the Congressional Black Caucus:

*"Race and the New Congress"*  
Moderated by Lesley Stahl  
60 Minutes correspondent, CBS News



James Clyburn, SC



Bennie Thompson, MS



Danny Davis, II



Diane Watson, CA



John Lewis, GA



Sheila Jackson Lee, TX



Robert Scott, VA



Henry Johnson, GA



Yvette Clarke, NY



Donna Christensen, VI



Gov. Deval Patrick

8:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 17, 2008  
Chapin Hall, Williams College

Part of a series of events on Election 2008. Free and open to the public.  
No tickets required. Reception to follow at the Paresky Student Center.

No backpacks or recording devices permitted.

Sponsored by the W. Ford Schumann '50 Program in Democratic Studies,  
the President's Office, Africana Studies, the Multicultural Center,  
and the Claiming Williams initiative.

# *An Evening with the Congressional Black Caucus*



**FEBRUARY 6TH, 2008**

**MEMBERS FROM THE CBC WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM STUDENTS AND PARTICIPATE IN A PANEL DISCUSSION ON RACIAL PROFILING AND THE '08 ELECTIONS.**

**THE DISCUSSION WILL BE MODERATED BY DR. LORENZO MORRIS, CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY.**

## ***INVITED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:***

**MAXINE WATERS CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK DANNY DAVIS  
CHAKA FATTAH JOHN CONYERS KEITH ELLISON HANK JOHNSON  
BOBBY SCOTT G.K. BUTTERFIELD AND MANY MORE.**

*5:00pm to 7:30pm in Rm 2154  
Rayburn House Office Building*

**SHUTTLES LEAVING FROM CRAMTON AT 4:30 PM**



**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**





**KAPPA ALPHA PSI  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FORUM**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2008  
3:15 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Open Remarks:**

Rep. John Conyers, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives

**Moderator:**

Rep. Danny K. Davis, Chairman  
Subcommittee on the District of Columbia  
U.S. House of Representatives

**Panelist:**

Wilmar Leon, Jr., Radio Talk Host  
XM Satellite Radio

Gregory Carr, Ph.D., Professor  
Department of Afro-American Studies  
Howard University

Rashida Mims, Pre-Trial Officer  
District of Columbia Pretrial Services

Nesa Chappelle, PhD Candidate  
National Education Association



## **The Voting Rights Act: Objectives of and Strategies for Reauthorization**



### **Introduction:**

Congress enacted the voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) to protect the voting rights of all Americans. Several provisions of the VRA are temporary and periodically come up for reauthorization. They are Section 4(b), which determines which states and political subdivisions are covered by the Act's provisions, Section 5, which prevents enforcement of any election law that would have a racially discriminatory effect, and Section 203, which provides voting assistance for language minorities. These three provisions will expire in 2007 unless reauthorized. Note Section and 8 of the VRA are also temporary provisions which will expire in 2007. They require federal examiners and observers at elections.

### **Objective:**

In anticipation of Congressional Action on these temporary provisions of the VRA reauthorization vote, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation has invited a number of prominent scholars and voting rights activists to participate in a series of Voting Rights Policy Issue Forums. The first issue forum will explore problems that minorities currently face in attempting to case their attempts to cast meaningful votes. Panelists will explore topics such VRA enforcement, felon disenfranchisement, recent passage of voter identification law by several states' recent passage of voter identification laws, and voting irregularities in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections. The second issue forum will explore legislative remedies for the problems identified in the first panel. Panelists will discuss possible amendments to the existing legislation and/or the manner in which it is implemented that will make it more effective.

### **Target Audience:**

The target audience of this forum are Members of Congress, executive and legislature staff members concerned with voting rights, and voting rights activists and advocates. In addition, the organizers of this event hope to reach the general public through print and electronic media coverage of the forum.

## Opening Remarks

**Sen. John Kerry**  
**Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader**  
**Rep. Danny K. Davis**

## Remarks

<b>Sen. Richard Durbin</b>	<b>Sen. Barbara Boxer</b>	<b>Sen. Ken Salazar</b>
<b>Rep. Artur Davis</b>	<b>Rep. William Jefferson</b>	<b>Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee</b>
<b>Rep. Kendrick Meek</b>	<b>Rep. Bennie Thompson</b>	<b>Rep. Melvin L. Watt</b>
<b>Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones</b>		

## Minority Voting Rights: Lessons of the Past, Problems of the Present

### Objectives:

The panel will identify and discuss instances of voter denial, dilution, and suppression in the years since the VRA was last reauthorized (1982). Panelists will discuss VRA enforcement, felon disenfranchisement, several states' recent passage of voter identification laws, voting irregularities in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, and the degree to which Section 203 has increased the civic participation of non-English speaking minorities. The purpose of the panel is to gauge the extent of current voting rights violations in order to inform the second panel.

### **Panel:**

**Moderator:** Lorenzo Morris, Chair, Dept. of Political Science, Howard University

**Panelists:** Mary Francis Berry, Professor, American Social Thought  
University of Pennsylvania  
Donna Brazile, National Chair, The Voting Rights Institute  
Marc Mauer, Executive Director, The Sentencing Project  
Joe Rich, Former Chief, Voting Section, U.S. Dept. of Justice  
Garrine P. Laney, Analyst in Social Legislation, Congressional Research  
Service, Library of Congress

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2006  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building, Room 902  
**Kind of Event:** Luncheon/Panel Discussion

**Host:** Bernard Moore, CBCF Legislative Fellow  
PhD candidate, Howard University  
Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis



## **RECEPTION**

### **Opening Remarks**

Rep. Chaka Fattah  
Rep. Danny K. Davis

### **Acknowledgements**

Bernard Moore & Kahlil Williams  
CBCF Fellows

**For the Emerging Leaders Series Policy Issue Symposium**

**Preserving a Fundamental Right:  
Reauthorization of the Voting rights Act of 1965**

### **Keynote Address**

Senator Barack Obama

Thursday, March 9, 2006

5:00 p.m.

U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Rayburn Foyer



## Annual Legislative Conference 2006

### Reentry Initiatives Issue Forum

Saturday, September 9, 2006  
Washington Convention Center

In cooperation with



Rep. Danny K. Davis  
(7<sup>th</sup> IL)



Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald  
(37<sup>th</sup> CA)



Rep. Gwen Moore  
(4<sup>th</sup> WI)



Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones  
(11<sup>h</sup> OH)

#### “Reentry Issue Forum” Room 143AB

10:00 a.m. – 12:30

#### Panel I – Policy Analysis & Reentry Initiatives

Reggie Wilkinson, Former Director  
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

Harley Lappin, Director  
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Charles See, Director  
Community Reentry-Faith Based

Mark Earley, President/CEO  
Prison Fellowship

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Panel II –Social Entrepreneurship

B. Diane Williams, President/CEO  
Safer Foundation

Jeffrey T. Graham, President/COO  
Golden Graham, Inc

Larry M. Fehr, Senior Vice President  
Pioneer Human Services

Stanley Richards, Chief Operating Officer  
The Fortune Society

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### “National Job Fair” Room 140 AB

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DANNY K. DAVIS  
7TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-1307

**Please attend a briefing and Q&A on the  
Impact of Racial Profiling and Driving While Black  
Presented by the Students of Howard University Department of Political Science  
"An Evening with the Congressional Black Caucus"  
Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
2154 Rayburn House Office Building**

Dear Colleague,

What is racial profiling? The most common example of police racial profiling is "driving while black", otherwise known as "DWB." This refers to the practice of police targeting African Americans for traffic stops because they believe that African Americans are more likely to be engaged in criminal activity. While racial profiling is illegal, a 1996 Supreme Court decision allows police to stop motorists' illegal drugs or weapons. More traffic stops leads to more arrests, which further skews the racial profiling statistics against African Americans. Studies have shown that African Americans are far more likely to be stopped and searched. Are African Americans really committing more crimes or are they just caught more often because the police target them? This is a vicious cycle that even the strictest law enforcement advocates would admit is blatantly unfair. Both the featured panelist and students from Howard University will discuss the racial profiling in the criminal justice system as well as solutions to this prevalent issue. Come out and support our future leaders as they show us their perspective on the issues. The panelists include:

**Gregory Carr, PhD**  
**Howard University**

**Alexander Williams, Judge**  
**U.S. District Court, District of Maryland**

**Garrine Laney, Analyst**  
**Congressional Research Service**

**Wilmer Leon, PhD, Talk Show Host**  
**XM Satellite Radio**

**The members listed below have agreed to serve as a reaction panel:**

Rep. Danny K. Davis	Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick	Rep. John Conyers	Rep. Bobby Scott
Rep. Maxine Waters	Rep. Hank Johnson	Rep. Hank Johnson	Rep. Keith Ellison
Rep. Chaka Fattah	Rep. Gwen Moore	Rep. William Jefferson	Rep. Elijah Cummings
Rep. Diane Watson	Rep. Barbara Lee	Rep. Yvette Clarke	Rep. Donna Christensen
Rep. Gregory Meeks	Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee		

Sincerely,



Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress

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