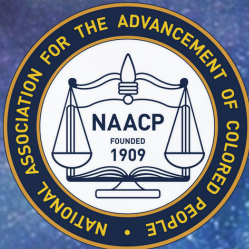


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PROGRAM

WELCOME

Jillian Harvey, President Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP

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Rev. David Kilpatrick, 2nd Vice President Mystic Valley Area
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BRUNCH BUFFET SERVED

INTRODUCTION OF PERFORMANCE

Jillian Harvey, President Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP

PERFORMANCE

Terry E. Carter, Medford's Inaugural Poet Laureate
Jonathan A. Fagan, Jazz Pianist, Composer, Accompanist

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE PANEL

Jennifer Yanco, Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP
Executive Committee Member

PANELISTS

Crystal Haynes, Moderator
Nancy Brumback, League of Women Voters of MA
Samuel Gebru, Black Lion Strategies
Traci Griffith, American Civil Liberties Union of MA

RAFFLE

Ed Ligon, Treasurer Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP
Gordon McIntosh, Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP
Executive Committee Member

CLOSING REMARKS

Jillian Harvey, President Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP

KEYNOTE PANEL

CRYSTAL HAYNES - MODERATOR



Crystal Haynes is a two-time Emmy-nominated reporter and anchor, Senior Communications Director of United Way of Massachusetts Bay, and the host of GBH's Greater Boston and Basic Black. She is a longtime advocate for maternal/fetal health research and advocacy and economic justice.

She grew up in Springfield, MA, and has a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism with a concentration in history and political communication from Emerson College and Masters Degree from Northeastern University in Media Advocacy.

NANCY BRUMBACK

Nancy Brumback lobbies the legislature on election and voting legislation for the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. She has been the League's representative on the Election Modernization Coalition, working with partners including the ACLU, Common Cause and MassVOTE on that legislation, for 12 years, and is also the League's representative on the Election Protection Coalition to provide non-partisan poll monitors on Election Day. She was a director of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts for 10 years, and is a retired journalist.



KEYNOTE PANEL

SAMUEL GEBRU



Samuel M. Gebru is a social entrepreneur, educator, and policy analyst with over 18 years of experience in political strategy and nonprofit leadership across the United States and East Africa.

He is the CEO of Black Lion Strategies, and a Professor of the Practice of Political Science at Tufts University. His public service journey began at age 13, raising awareness for maternal health issues, sparking his lifelong commitment to economic opportunity and social justice. A former candidate for the Cambridge, MA City Council and the inaugural Director of Policy and Public Affairs at the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, he has built a career shaping coalitions, driving initiatives, and forging strategic partnerships to uplift marginalized communities.

In addition to his professional roles, Gebru serves on multiple boards and committees, including the Harris Victory Fund, Ayanna Pressley for Congress, American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, and the Center for Virology and Vaccine Research at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

KEYNOTE PANEL

TRACI GRIFFITH

A lawyer, journalist, academic, and advocate, Traci Griffith currently serves as the Racial Justice Program Director for the ACLU of Massachusetts. Her transition to the staff of ACLUM comes after serving the organization on the National ACLU Board of Directors, on the Executive Committee, and as the National Board Secretary.



Her previous career as an Associate Professor in the Communications Department at Simmons University and as Chair of the Media Studies Department at St. Michael's College in Vermont, focused on First Amendment law and ethics, as well as Race and Gender representation in media. She continues to teach as an adjunct at Simmons and also runs a cultural competency training business.

Traci is a former correspondent and national editor for the Associated Press and continues to pursue journalism with independent writing and broadcast projects. She holds University degrees from Notre Dame Law School, an M.S. in Journalism from Florida A&M, and BA in Political Science from DePaul. She lives in Cambridge with her 4-pound chihuahua Bessie.

ABOUT THE ORGS



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BLACK LION STRATEGIES

Established on January 11, 2022, Black Lion Strategies is a social impact and public affairs consulting firm founded and led by Samuel M. Gebru. Inspired by the rare and majestic black-maned lions endemic to East Africa, we take a unique and highly personalized approach to our work. Problems are opportunities. Guided by our commitment to social impact, we are passionate about getting into good trouble.

POET LAUREATE TERRY E. CARTER



Terry E. Carter was born and raised in Medford, MA. He is a graduate of Fisk University (1980) and was a graduate fellow in Mass Communications at Boston University (1983-1985).

He has published six volumes of dynamic, provocative poetry, including his most recent book, *Brown Skin and the Brilliant Sun: A Poet's Opus* (Fall, 2023). Terry is a classically trained poet whose inspirations range from Shakespeare to the Harlem Renaissance.

He lists faith, history, social justice, and legacy as key among his diverse literary influences. Terry was named the inaugural Poet Laureate of Medford, MA in July 2021 and served for two years as the city's chief bard. Terry is an ordained pastor and arts minister. He is married to Terésa J. Carter and the couple have an adult daughter, Maya N. Carter. To learn more about Terry, please visit his website: www.brownskinnedpoet.net

MUSICAL ARTIST JONATHAN A. FAGAN

Jonathan Adam Fagan is rapidly becoming a vibrant force within Boston's music community as a prolific jazz pianist, composer, accompanist, and educator. Heavily inspired by twentieth-century classical harmony along with the work



of bebop greats, Fagan's style combines the avant-garde colors of modern jazz icons with a relatable lyricism and light touch.

Today Fagan is a very active composer and arranger in and around his Belmont home. With sponsoring grants from the Medford Cultural Council and the Winchester Community Music School, Jonathan convened the inaugural Medford Jazz Festival in 2020.

As a strong advocate for community outreach, Fagan has partnered with dozens of local artists, including Poet Terry E. Carter and Terri Lyne Carrington's Jazz and Gender Justice institute of Berklee College of Music.

He received his Masters degree in Jazz Piano Performance from the Eastman School of Music in 2017 and earned his Bachelor of Music Degree in classical and jazz piano performance from Lawrence University Conservatory in Wisconsin in 2015. Past teachers and mentors include highly innovative pianist Bill Carrothers, the late composer Fred Sturm, and Boston and New York piano luminary Kevin Harris.

MEET OUR BRANCH

BRANCH PRESIDENT- JILLIAN HARVEY



Jill Harvey (she/her(s)) served as the inaugural Director of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Division of Health & Human Services for the Town of Arlington, MA. When her aspirations of becoming an archaeologist shifted, Jill pursued her passions of social justice and advocacy work. She will be stepping

into a new role this fall as the inaugural Chief Equity Officer for the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Prior to obtaining her Masters in Public Affairs from Brown University in 2019, she resided in the greater Boston area and worked in the Autism Spectrum Center at the Boston Children's Hospital and as a youth leader at the Brookline Teen Center. Her occupations and personal experiences exposed her to the lack of access to healthcare and the educational gaps within underserved communities which compelled her to further serve under-represented communities and combat social injustices. She attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst and received her Bachelors in Anthropology in 2013.

Jill resides in Somerville with her many plants and is also a steering committee member of the Coalition of Racial Equity (CORE) in Mental Health, and the co-founder and immediate past chair of the MA Municipal DEI Coalition.

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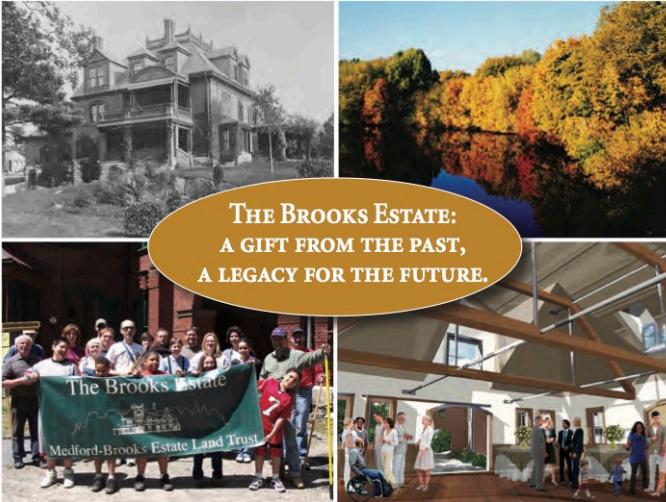
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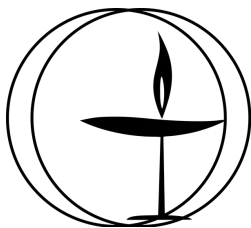
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ABOUT THE BRANCH



The Mystic Valley Area Branch is a part of a powerful, larger national organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP who's vision is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

The Mystic Valley Area Branch's roots lie in the work of civic leaders from the West Medford community. The late Rev. Oscar Phillips of the Shiloh Baptist Church and Mr. Wallace Kountze, who was elected the branch's first President, were the branch's early leaders. In August of 1977 they sent a list of 97 new members to the National office of the NAACP to apply for our own Charter. In October of 1977 the national office recognized Medford as an official branch.

Young members were a significant part of the new branch. A sufficient number of young people signed up to create a youth group within a year of the adult branch's formation.

The Medford Branch ultimately changed its name to the Mystic Valley Area Branch, to grow and incorporate the energy from neighboring communities wanting to become active in civil rights advocacy.

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