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This Brief catalog of kazi (work) performed on behalf of African descendants in the US, signifies an intense selfless commitment to righting the wrongs done to Africans and their descendants by European/American royals, governments, corporations, institutions and individuals. These wrongs have been defined as humanicide by Hunter Adams, *“the process of killing of a people/person’s identity, culture, history, language, religion, socialization, and family relations ...[it] is not equivalent to racism, discrimination, or Apartheid – it encompasses and eclipses them.”* Under international law they are referred to as crimes against humanity.

The Kazi is divided into 5 categories and will primarily focus on what was accomplished on behalf of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, N'COBRA. Although work began in 2005, here I am only highlighting the last 7 years. The Categories are:

- 1. Writing/Providing Thought Leadership**
- 2. Initiating, Strategizing and Leading Successful Actions Against Criminal Entities**
- 3. Representing N'COBRA Nationally and Internationally**
- 4. Established(ing) National and International Reparations Strategy**
- 5. Advisory and Leadership Positions in other Reparations Formations**

1. Writing and Providing Thought Leadership

As a leader in the movement, I have been called on to write often and extensively on nearly every aspect and happening in the movement.

My writings consists of

- **Booklets /Pamphlets - BP**
- **Essays / Presentations - EP**
- **Letters of Presentments (Indictments on Criminal Entities) - PI**
- **Published Articles PA**
- **Projects and Proposals PP**
- **Press Releases PR**
- **Letters in Solidary, Support and/or Opposition - LSSO**

In Progress

- **Repairing Black Chicago - Safety in Our Communities, Love in Our Communities** (project proposal to counter violence and promote family)
- **Unifying the Reparations Movement in America – Operationalizing Our Ability to Deliver Repair** (national project)
- **Collective Reparations for Cohesion and Independence** (Theoretical basis of the major outcome of reparations from a Black nationalist perspective utilizing the Jewish Claims Commission as a model)
- **ADOS as Agents of Regression in the Reparations Movement**

2021

- **Congressional Black Caucus Address (8/2021) (Presentation EP)**
- **Synchronizing Reparation 6/21 (Funded Project) PP**
- **Reparations and the Assault on the African Identity 6/21 (To=be-published)**
- **MacArthur Grant Write-Up 5/21 (Grant Award)**
- **DuSable Drive in the Context of Reparations 4/21 (Published article) PA**
- **Catholic Church Press Statement 4/21 PR**
- **Evanston Proclaims N' COBRA Day 4/21 PR**
- **Press Release Jesuits \$100 Million Pledge Is Not Enough 3/21 PR**

2020

- **Conrad Worrill Community Reparations Commission 10/20**
- **Chicago Transgenerational Epigenetic Injury Awareness Campaign 9/20 (Project Proposal PP)**
- **CWCCRC Three Reparations Initiatives 9/20 (Reparations proposals) PP**
- **Looting in the Spirit of Resistance 9/20 (Published article) PA**
- **Reparations Within the Chicago Black Agenda 8/20 PA**
- **Slavery Disclosure Ordinance Initiative 8/20 (Project proposal) PP**
- **Address at Chicago Reparations Resolution 6/20 Presentation EP**
- **Laying the Foundation for Local Reparations 5/20 (Booklet) BP**
- **Chicago Reparations Commission 5/20 PA**
- **N'COBRA Offended by Speakers Ban 3/20 PR**
- **Difference In Lineage Matters Insignificantly 3/20 (Essay) EP**
- **Seize the Time for Full Repair 2/20 EP**

2019

- **N'COBRA Regrets Lack of Full Jewish Faith Support 12/19 (PR)**
- **Letter of Support for Juneteenth Ordinance (Chicago) 11/19 LSSO**
- **Letter of Support for Evanston Reparations 11/19 LSSO**
- **N'COBRA Mourns the Passing of Congressman John Conyers 10/19 PR**
- **Legal Structures of Reparations 10/19 EP**
- **CBC Reparations Brain Trust 9/19 Presentation EP**
- **Make the Demand 9/19 EP**
- **All White People Are Racists 8/19 EP**
- **Letter to the Honorable Steven Cohen (In Scheduling the Juneteenth HR 40 Briefing) 7/19 LSSO**
- **Letter to Starbucks 5/18 400 years of Terror 5/19 LSSO**
- **Transgenerational Epigenetic Injury Is the Reason Blacks Are Dying from Covid at Higher Rates 4/19 Published Article PA**
- **The Legislations Commission Needs You 4/19 PR**
- **Reparations Timeline 2000 to Present 3/19 Essay EP**
- **Letter to Elected Officials on Reparations Awareness Day 2/19 LSSO**
- **Reparations Means Full Repair 2/19 Essay EP**

2018

- **My Struggle for Reparations. (High School Reparations Teach in)**
10/18 Presentation
- **NCOBRA Coalition Invitation Letter 10/18 LSSO**
- **Locked and Loaded with the Language of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action DDPA 10/18 Essay EP**
- **NCOBRA Letter to JB Pritzker 8/18 Indictment PI**
- **Injecting Reparations into the Governor's Race INITIATIVE ACTION 8/18 PI**
- **Apartheid in the Context of Retail Shopping 5/18 Essay EP**
- **Apartheid Policing in Chicago 5/18 Essay EP**
- **APSP Congress Speech 5/18 EP**
- **Crimes Against Humanity Continues in the US Starbucks 4/18 PI**
- **The University of Chicago Has its Origins in Criminality 2/18 PI**

2017

- **Seize the Time HR 40 Primer 12/17 Booklet BP**
- **NCOBRA Solidarity Statement Reparations at University of Chicago RAUC 10/17 LSSO**
- **N'COBRA Open Letter to University of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel, and Barak Obama 10/17 Indictment PI**
- **NCOBRA Letter to NFL Players Association 10/17 LSSO**
- **Reparations Enforcement: A Philosophy and Action 9/17 Booklet BP**
- **Case For Legitimate Reparations 7/17 Essay EP**
- **Reparations Advisory Petition 7/17 Referendum**
- **Reparations Has Been Center in All Liberation Struggles 7/17 EP**
- **Two Issues that We Must All Be on the Same Page 3/17 EP**
- **NAARC's Rationale and Preamble for Affirming and Revising HR 40 1/17 EP**
- **HR40 Post Briefing Press Release 1/17 PR**
- **N'COBRA Press Statement at City Hall 1/17 PR**

2016

- **Contribution to CBC Sustaining the Dialogue on Reparations 12/16 EP**
- **8th PAC Congress Reparations Resolutions 11/16 EP**
- **National Black Caucus State Legislators Reparations Resolution 9/16 State resolution**
- **Reparations Road to the White House 9/16 Essay**
- **Letter to the National Black Caucus of State Legislators NBCSL 7/16 LSSO**
- **Illinois Passes Historic Slavery Study and Reparations Resolution 7/16 PR**
- **NCOBRA Welcomes the Illinois Representatives Call for Presidential Reparations Commission 3/2016 PR**
- **Int'l Decade for People of African Decent CMVWG Statement 2/16 Presentation EP**
- **What Does the United Nations Working Group of Experts for People o of African Descent (UNWGEPAD) Mean ? 2/16 Essay EP**
- **UNWGEPAD Reparations Testimony 1/16 Indictment PI**

2015

- **The Road to the Int'l Decade of People of African Descent 12/15 EP**
- **Indictment of Dept of Justice In CPD' Continued Criminality 12/15 PI**
- **NCOBRA, BIBC, NAARC Contribution on the Continuing Silence on the IDPAD 11/15 PR, PI**
- **National Reparations Organizations Stand in Solidarity with Black Collegiate Solidarity Demonstrations 11/15 LSSO**
- **Black Agenda on Reparations 11/15 Published PA**
- **Pope's Omissions Reparations Enforcers 9/15 Indictment PI, EP**
- **Press Release -Pope's Visit to the US 9/15 PR**
- **Reparations Enforcers Need Your Aide 8/2015 EP**
- **Rush University Medical Center Reparations Presentment 8/15 PI**
- **Exhibit Reparations for Centuries of Theft and Injury 6/15 Booklet BP**
- **Afrikan Liberation is a Human Rights Struggle 5/15 EP**
- **2014Presentment to the Trustees of John Hopkins University 4/15 PI**
- **Moving Forward With the International Decade of People of African Descent 3/15 EP**

2. Initiating, Strategizing and Leading Successful Actions Against Criminal Entities

Here is where I have gotten and get most joy in the movement - declaring entities criminal and engaging in initiatives and actions to bring them to justice. I called this action **Reparations Enforcement**.

Reparations enforcement is a praxis - a philosophy and action that affirms that Africans and people of African descent have a human right to be repaired from the harmful legacies of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, enslavement, colonialism and apartheid.

Built on international law and standards, reparations enforcement responds to the need for a specific type of action, engaged by specific strata of our community, with specific outcomes for all involved, to ensure that the resources for repair begin to flow into our community.

- **City of Chicago Transgenerational Epigenetics Inheritance** - will force cities, states and the federal government to include historical trauma as a basis establishing public policy over a wide number of issues. **Current**
- **Synchronizing Local Reparations 6/21** - Funded project that focuses on building local stakeholder groups that offers strategy and direction for local reparations efforts **Current**
- **HR 40 Introduction 117th Congress** Created and managed project that got a record 117 original co-sponsors to HR40 in 10 days. The highest total before was 29. Also, as a result of my planning/leadership. **1/2021**
- **Chicago Subcommittee on Reparations** - 2nd city in the nation to create a governmental reparation body behind Evanston, IL **6/2020**

- **Injecting Reparations into the Governor's Race**— Action targeted at candidate for Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, calling out his sister, Penny Pritzker's role in the predatory lending scheme that robbed Blacks of \$200 Billion **8/18**
- **Reparations Referendum – Putting Reparations on the Ballot in Chicago.** Gathered over 25,000 signatures for the question that corporations with a history of enslavement be forced to pay reparations if they want to do business with the city. **7/17**
- **Indictment on the US Department of Justice**— An act targeting the Justice Department for failing to come to Chicago when we noticed them via a United Nations Petition after the killing of Rakia Boyd (2014). Their failure resulted in many more police atrocities culminating in the murder of Laquan McDonald. **12/15**
- **Organized a protest of the Catholic Church on Pope's 2015 Visit**—Called out the Catholic Church's role in initiating the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade **9/2015**
- **Norfolk Southern Railroad** – Action to prevent the sale of city land until the corporation answered our presentment and demand for reparations— *“forced a string of concessions”* as reported by Chicago Sun-Times reporter. **6/14**
- **Petition To the United Nations for Summary Executions of African Descendants Within the United States** – Put Chicago on the Justice Departments watch list, and subsequently, forced the Justice Department to investigate the Chicago Police Department and declaring them guilty of “patterns and practices” of wrong doing, i.e., gross violations of our human rights. **3/14**

3. Representing N'COBRA

Nationally and Internationally

- National Male Co-Chair - 3 terms
- Speaker on Congressional Black Caucus HR 40 BrainTrust Panels for 8 years
- Testimony before Senate Briefing on S 40 8/21
- Testimony before the Judiciary Committee 2021 Hearing on HR 40 2/21
- Interviews on scores of national and local radio programs
- Interviews/statements with scores of print media
- Speaker on scores national panels, programs, and forums
- Participated at international forums
- Interviewed with international media
- Traveled extensively all around America pre-covid, sometimes monthly
- Attended every N'COBRA Convention from 2006 to present
- Hosted N'COBRA 2010 Convention in Chicago
- Board Member At Large 2008
- Legislative Commission Chair Since 2009, Co Chair since 2017
- Midwest Regional Rep

4. Established(ing) National and International Reparations Strategy

Many times I have been required to think deeply about the current landscape within the movement. In doing so, some of those thoughts are intended to provide an intellectual and/or philosophical understanding for what is happening in the movement and other times they are to lay the basis and direction for which work is done. Many of those thoughts have been interwoven within numerous aspects of the reparations movement today, as such, informs much of the current actions.

- **Crafting a national strategy for unification of the movement** based on the goals, objectives and output of Jewish Claims Commission **Currently under development.**
- **Advising the African American Redress Network** – Provide a theoretical foundation for establishing a legal defense against anti-constitution arguments that local reparations are race-based policy. **2021**
- **Laying the Foundation for Local Reparations** that establishes genocide, plunder and apartheid as the theoretical and practical foundation of all local reparations demand **2020**
- **Named and provide theoretical insight into direct and collective benefits** as forms of reparation initiatives—are they targeted at community as a whole or specifically to individuals **2020**
- **Purposely and intentionally introduced to the United States the framework of Full Repair** as the outcome of all reparations efforts at the federal, state and local levels **2014—Current**
- **Provided theoretical framework for analyzing specificity in what determines local reparations.** **2020**

- **Basing reparations on the international standard of the five components of full reparations (full repair)** adopted by Human Rights Watch, Movement for Black Lives and scores of other activist organizations. Now becoming household knowledge. **2014-Current**
- **United Nations 2016 US Visit of Working Group of Experts for People of African Descent**—Established strategy for the visit proclaiming that all of our challenges in America was the result of the crimes of enslavement, Jim Crow, and post Jim Crow racist acts. **Resulted in the UN's 1st call that US engage in reparations.** This was followed recently, 4 years later when the made there 2nd call for reparations (2021) **2016**
- **Making the case to NAARC the 2015 HR 40 was obsolete,** that sparked the revision to the current legislation The Commission To Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans Act. Wrote into the legislation “the outcomes must be in alignment with international norms of full repair and special measures.”This legislation has been used by many states and cities as the foundation of their reparations legislation . **2015/2016**
- **Providing NAARC with “Getting to Reparations”**, which informed the writing of NAARC’s 10-Point Reparations Platform **2015**
- **Established with Philadelphia National Slavery Disclosure campaign** to enforce the existing laws that required corporations to disclose their actions and now pay. **2015**
- **Crated the 21st Century Reparations Paradigm** that analyzed and projected the theoretical and practical foundation of reparations actions for the years 2000 – 2099. **2014**

- **8th Pan African Congress** - Introduced 3 resolutions to be adopted in the final Outcome document of the Congress. One of the 3 were adopted. The resolutions are basis of action and strategy **2014**
- **Creating the term Reparations Enforcer** and crafting the praxis for the making demands from non-governmental criminal parties, i.e, corporations, institutions, and foundations. **2014**

5. Advisory and Leadership Positions in other Reparations For- mations

- Commissioner—*National African American Reparations Com-
mission* - Convened by Dr. Ron Daniels—Institute of the Black World 21st
Century
- Former Chair, Reparations Working Group — *Black Is Back Coalition
for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations* - Chaired by Omali Ye-
shitela, Chair African Peoples Socialist Party
- Advisory Board Member - *African American Redress Network* -
Joint Initiative of Howard University's Thurgood Marshall Law School
and Columbia University's Center for Human Rights
- Board Member— *First Repair, NFP*—Robin Rue Simmons Executive
Director
- Advisor to Task Force Chair & Expert Witness—California Repara-
tions Task Force -
- Advisor to Bill sponsor, State Assemblyman, Charles Baron *New
York Community Reparations Commission* - who wrote in N'CO-
BRA's influence and input on the Commission once established
- Advising Local reparations efforts nationally, - in the following cities:
Chicago, Evanston, Kansas City, Amherst, Boston, Bloomington,
Detroit, St Louis, Ashville, Gary, Washington,
- DC.