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The Greenville County Democratic Party Management Team meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at Headquarters. Anyone may attend.

## November 2016 Coordinated Campaign News!

Jamie Harrison, SCDP Chair, sent the following message on August 12:

*Two weeks ago, the South Carolina delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia was proud to play a part in history as we nominated Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine for President and Vice President. Yesterday, we learned from poll results released by Public Policy Polling on 8/11/16 that they are in a dead heat with Donald Trump and Mike Pence here in South Carolina. With a **united, concerted effort** from all of us, the Democratic ticket has a real chance of carrying our state for the first time since 1976.*

*Of course, there are many, many other races on the ballot this year, and we must fight to win each and every one. Hillary Clinton winning the presidency is crucial, but we have seen how damaging Republican dominance in Congress and in South Carolina have been, even with a Democratic president. . . [We are fortunate to have] a deep, diverse, and talented slate of Democrats running for office in our state, and we are so excited to carry them to victory!*

That “united, concerted effort” includes the 2016 *Enough is Enough* Coordinated Campaign, which was announced by the SCDP on July 21. As in 2012 and 2014, the Coordinated Campaign will work to elect the entire Democratic Party ticket throughout the state. State director for Hillary for America SC, Alycia Albergotie, was hired by the Clinton campaign at the beginning of August. And the SCDP is currently seeking to hire a statewide

Coordinated Campaign Field Director and 4 – 6 Regional Field Organizers to work in conjunction

with Alycia. One of those field organizers will be assigned to the Greenville/Spartanburg area. Hopefully all positions will be in place by the first of September.

In addition, the Coordinated Campaign will bring a new event to each of South Carolina’s Congressional Districts. Plans are underway to hold a Town Hall type forum this fall during which the statewide and local Democratic Party candidates will address issues of particular interest to the 4th CD. Even though Greenville has been selected as the site for this area’s forum, we will work jointly with Spartanburg County Democratic Party on the logistics and format. We will want to hear your suggestions for topics, so keep your eye out for forthcoming details. We hope you’ll make plans to attend.

That “united, concerted effort” also has to include you; not only voting when the time comes, but giving your time and/or money to support the Democratic Party ticket as well. Everyone can, and must, do something. The GCDP is already engaged in voter registration efforts, and plans are being made for voter education and other GOTV events throughout the



Kate Franch, GCDP Chair

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# Running Scared



**Roxanne Cordonier, Bray Editor**

As I write this, the meltdown of the Republican presidential candidate continues unabated. The whole subject of Donald J. Trump once was funny but now that he is officially the GOP's nominee my mirth has changed to sheer terror that this orange faced clown could possibly be the commander and chief of the most powerful military force in the world. This is happening people and while you may still be amused it's time for all good Democrats or patriotic independents to get up off their respective couches and get busy. President Obama said Democrats

need to "run scared" and I think that's excellent advice.

The South Carolina Democratic Party has pledged to put their data and resources to work on the county level to assist with voter registration and turnout. All the databases and resources in the world won't help us unless we have volunteers to utilize them. That's where you come in.

Not sure what you want to do or what there is to do? Call Sharon Thomas our Democratic Party volunteer coordinator. She will hook you up with an assignment that interests you and suits your schedule. She can be reached at 757.620.6068 or direct your email to [headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com](mailto:headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com)

The Greenville County Democratic Party Headquarters is located at 1300-J East Washington Street near the entrance to Cleveland Park. The office is open during regular business hours during the week. Swing by and sign up to help. Phone calls are made to reliable Democrats who should be energized by the current situation and open to your information. Talk to your neighbors, relatives and friends

who may be conservative Republicans but decent folk who are searching for an alternative to the madman at the head of the Republican ticket. If ever there was a time when the Democratic Party could persuade independents and even longtime Republicans to vote for their candidates that time is now. Pick up some signs to place in your yard. Host a meet and greet at your home for a candidate you support, organize a debate watch party or a fundraiser. Volunteer to work at the polls or drive voters to the polls on election day. Everyone can and should do something.

One thing is for sure, we have less than 100 days to win this election and Donald Trump shows no signs of acting presidential or statesmen like, in fact I think he could suffer a full fledged emotional breakdown before the race is over. If his poll numbers continue to drop and the criticism of his erratic remarks and behavior continues Trump may come unhinged. But...we can't count on that, we need to run scared and run hard. Let's get busy.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**August 27 (Saturday) 8:30am**  
GCDP Breakfast Meeting  
Pleasant Valley Connections  
510 Old Augusta Road  
Greenville, SC 29605  
(Details, page 3)

**August 27 (Saturday) 7:30pm**  
Hispanic Caucus:  
Meet & Greet for Chris Fedalei  
Host: Ilia Rivera  
147 Birkhall Circle  
(Bonnie Brae Community)  
Greenville, SC 29605

**August 27 (Saturday) 9:00am**  
YDSC Special State Convention  
915 Lady Street, Suite 111  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(More information, page 7)

**September 12 (Monday) 5:30pm**  
Dem. Women Monthly Meeting  
Southern Fried Green Tomatoes  
1175 Woods Crossing Road  
Greenville, SC 29615  
(Details, page 3)

**September 16 (Friday) 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
Spartanburg County Democrats  
Support Hillary Party

184 Mills Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC  
(Details, page 6)

**September 30 (Friday)**  
2016 SCDP Jefferson Jackson Dinner  
and

**October 1, 2016 (Saturday)**  
John Spratt Issues Conference  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

The SCDP is reserving a block of approximately 75 hotel rooms in the vicinity of the Convention Center. Watch the website [scdp.org](http://scdp.org) for information.

## GCDP August Breakfast Meeting



Pastor Thomas Dixon

Join us on August 27 at Pleasant Valley Connection at 8:30am for our monthly breakfast meeting.

Our guest speakers are Pastor Thomas Dixon, and John Tynan.

Pastor Thomas Dixon is a candidate for the US Senate opposing Tim Scott. (<http://www.dixonforsc.com/>)

John Tynan is the Political Director at Conservation Voters of South Carolina. Tynan has previously served as the Deputy Director of Upstate Forever and Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Greenville.

As always, biscuits, doughnuts, fruit, coffee, and juice will be served; donations are welcome!



John Tynan

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## GC Democratic Women September Meeting



Mrs. Johnna Malici

Mrs. Johnna Malici, Principal of the As-Sabeel Academy, Islamic Elementary and Middle School in Greer, will be the guest speaker on Monday, September 12 at Southern Fried Green Tomatoes Restaurant. Principal Malici, who is active in the Islamic community in addition to her academic leadership, will give enlightening insights into Greenville's Muslim community and some basic tenets of the Islamic faith.

Please note: This an evening meeting.

A buffet dinner is available for \$15.00. Reservations are strongly encouraged (whether eating or not) and can be made by calling 232-5531 or by email to [headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com](mailto:headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com)

## UNDER THE GUN



Please Join Us for the Screening of Katie Couric's **UNDER THE GUN\*** documentary

Sunday, September 18  
3 - 5:30 p.m.  
Hughes Main Library  
Meeting Room C  
Free Parking  
Sorry, no food allowed

\*This documentary is rated R for language, disturbing images and events.

This event is sponsored by  
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America



## Books We Love *Between the World and Me* by TaNehisi Coates

By Roxanne Cordonier

At the July meeting of the Greenville County Democratic Party during a discussion of the Black Lives Matter movement, a black woman asked, “Why do we have to justify the fact that Black Lives Matter, why do we have to explain this movement?” I responded that white people don’t understand because they live in the bubble of white privilege. White people generally don’t get stopped for broken tail lights and if they do, they usually get a warning ticket. White mothers don’t worry about their sons being shot by police during a routine traffic stop, it simply isn’t part of our reality.

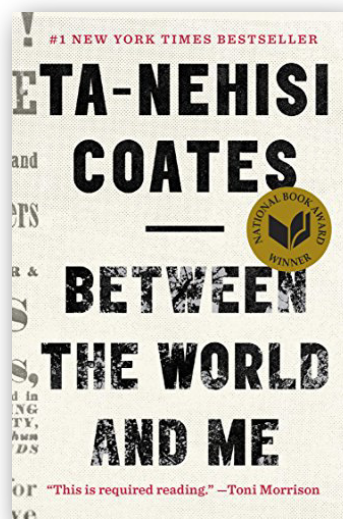
Reading “Between the World and Me” by TaNehisi Coates gave me a glimpse into what it’s like to grow up as a black man in America and it quite simply terrified and disgusted

me in equal parts. The stark choices faced by young black men is startling, “When our elders presented school to us, they did not present it as a place of high learning but as a means of escape from death and penal warehousing. Fully 60% of all young black men who drop out of high school will go to jail.”

”We could not get out. The ground we walked was tripwired. The air we breathed was toxic. The water stunted our growth. We could not get out.”

Coates wrote the 176 page essay as a memoir and a letter to his now 15 year old son. We feel Coates sincer-

ity throughout the book, his hopes and dreams for his son are certainly familiar to this parent.



“Between the World and Me” won a National Book Award and a MacArthur Fellowship for its author who was also a Pulitzer Prize finalist. Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison has compared Coates to James Baldwin. Coates claim to fame prior to the publication of this slender volume was the cover story of

the June 2014 issue of *The Atlantic*, entitled “The Case for Reparations.” The story drew more unique visitors to *The Atlantic* website than any other magazine story it had ever run.



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**VOTE**  
**CLEVELAND**  
**FOR CONGRESS**

*Dare to Be Different*

I am your U.S. congressional candidate for the 3rd district of South Carolina. I am a product of the public educational system of South Carolina, an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran, an alumnus of South Carolina State University and a diehard BULLDOG.

As a Democrat, I am sure my political ideas and beliefs may mirror many of yours, but I would like to highlight some concerns that affect my district the most: Public Education, Poverty, our Infrastructure, our Veterans and the need to reform our Criminal Justice System. As a representative for District 3, I plan to sponsor legislation requiring equal representation for employment in our public sector. This bold, progressive legislation will not only reshape and improve the aforementioned concerns but also offer the opportunity for all of our citizens to view our tax system and public hiring practices as fair and equitable.

Our campaign humbly and respectfully prays for your support and wisdom in assisting us in this most significant challenge. We would also appreciate any generous financial support and/or contributions to our candidacy, as no donation is too small.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Always remember: "He is Forever Present, Everywhere, One Love."

Best Regards,

Hosea Cleveland

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*Thanks to Our Contributors!*

The Greenville County Democratic Party wishes to express its gratitude to its recent donors. These include *Yellow Dog* pledges.

Bill and Linda Hardman

Dexter Reeves

Allan Jenkins

Bruce and Edwina Snyder

*Donations are always welcome and appreciated.*



Coordinated Campaign Logo

fall. Sharon Thomas, our volunteer coordinator, and Nadia Land-Greene, our political action coordinator, have been gathering names of volunteers. Please look through the following list to choose how you can participate in turning South Carolina BLUE this year; then call Headquarters (864-232-5531) or email ([headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com](mailto:headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com)) so that we can help you get started!

- Office Volunteer for extended hours at Headquarters during the campaign
- Campaign volunteer: Voter registration & Get Out The Vote activities

## What do recent court rulings on photo ID mean for SC?

The argument the SC Progressive Network has been making about South Carolina's photo ID law being a Republican plan to suppress the black vote has been taken up by new champions: federal judges across the country!

The 4th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals that struck down the North Carolina photo ID law on July 29 ruled "the demonstrated ingenuity of state and local governments in hobbling minority voting power imposes cures for problems that didn't exist."

Most recently, the three-judge appeals court in Richmond ruled that North Carolina's photo ID law was unconstitutional. It also voided new NC laws that cut early voting, ended same-day registration and out-of-precinct voting.

Although North Carolina's "reasonable impediment"

- Town Hall volunteer
- Spanish speaker for voter registration, campaign, and election needs
- Poll worker (November)
- Poll watcher (November)
- Help with Headquarters needs (e.g., preparation of mailings, etc.)

Lastly, the two questions we hear most often are 1) "Will Hillary visit SC again?" and 2) "Do you have Hillary yard signs or bumper stickers?" The first answer is that the SCDP has a commitment from the DNC that either President Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Biden, former President Clinton, Secretary Clinton, or Tim Kaine will visit at least once before November. The SCDP is hoping for that visit to coincide with the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner and 2016 Issues Conference over the weekend of September 30 and October 1. The SCDP has also requested a large batch of signs and bumper stickers and will distribute them to the county parties as soon as they arrive. We will keep you apprised of both events as information comes in.

## Spartanburg Democratic Party "Support Hillary Party"

Friday, September 16  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Home of:  
Lindsay Webster  
184 Mills Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC

Special Guests  
Bakari Sellers and Elizabeth Colbert-Busch

"We would love for neighboring counties to come. We hope to sign up volunteers that will be willing to help in other SC races and to go across the North Carolina line to help Hillary there."

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# Furman Invites Fedalei and Gowdy to Debate; Fedalei Accepts

For Immediate Release

GREENVILLE, SC (August 9, 2016) - On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Danielle Vinson, a professor of political science at Furman, extended invitations on behalf of Furman University to both Mr. Fedalei and Congressman Gowdy for a debate to be held in October.

In her invitation, Dr. Vinson offered, "We think it would be a helpful to voters in the 4th Congressional District to be able to hear the candidates discuss their experience, their visions for the future, and the important issues facing Congress and the nation. And it would benefit our students to see what substantive civil conversation between candidates with different views can look like."

Chris Fedalei accepted Dr. Vinson's invitation with a statement Tuesday evening.

"We're thrilled that the Gowdy campaign has expressed interest in a debate. I believe voters will clearly benefit from a frank and fair discussion of the many serious issues facing the Upstate. I can't think of a more perfect venue than Furman. The university has long been a pillar of our Greenville community. I know its reputation for academic excellence and trust that are going host a debate that will make us all proud. I look forward to meeting Mr. Gowdy on the stage in October."

<http://www.votefedalei.com/our-news/octdebate>



ballot for registered voters without a photo ID was modeled after the SC photo ID law, Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice Anita Earls advised that the ruling doesn't automatically apply to South Carolina. Earls has 20 years of experience as a top attorney in the Voting Rights Section of the US Dept. of Justice. The SCEJ has been advising the Network on voting rights laws, and was a party to the North Carolina case.

Responding to the Network's inquiry about the ruling's impact on South Carolina, Earls said, "We think that there are some important distinctions among reasonable impediment schemes, and even though the North Carolina provisions were modeled on the South Carolina law, there is no immediate and automatic invalidation of South Carolina's photo ID requirement as a result of this decision."

Earls said that what won the fight in North Carolina was the difficulty in getting the free photo ID there. The operation was poorly run by the state DMV, rather than by each county board of elections, as in South Carolina. Opponents of the photo ID law in North Carolina were able to prove that people had a hard time getting the free ID and that many of the impedi-

ment ballots were not counted as required by law.

The task before opponents of the South Carolina photo ID law is to gather the data on the impact of the law on the 202,484 registered SC voters who the State Election Commission identified in 2012 as not having a DMV photo ID.



Network Director Brett Bursey recently requested the State Election Commission to provide a tally of how many of the provisional ballots cast in the 2014 election were for lack of photo ID, and how many of those impediment ballots were rejected. "I was told that the state Election Commission did not gather those numbers and I would have to go to each of the 46 counties for that information," Bursey said. "Without that data, we can't determine if our photo ID law had

the same impact on black voters as it did in North Carolina."

The Network will be seeking the information needed to determine the law's impact.

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## Special State Convention called for Young Democrats



According to the Constitution of the Young Democrats of South Carolina, President Bryanta Maxwell has called a special State Convention for the purpose of proposing several amendments to the organization's Constitution. This Convention will be held on August 27, 2016 at the headquarters of the South Carolina Democratic Party (915 Lady Street, Suite 111, in Columbia). The Convention will begin at 9:00am.

### REGISTRATION

YDSC will not be charging attendees to this convention, but all who wish to attend must register. You can register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZrLP5tl1STA1BPdbZdAfxTkTFXsa2tKKKeiqm3gSRFh7wQ9g/viewform?c=0&w=1> through August 25.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Individual members, if they wish to introduce constitutional amendments or resolutions, are welcome to introduce amendments and resolutions through their region chapters, or directly to the Convention Committee at [secretary@youngdemssc.org](mailto:secretary@youngdemssc.org). The latest version of our Constitution and By-Laws are at:

<http://www.youngdemssc.org/ydsc-constitution.html>. The Resolutions Committee met on August 15, 4:00pm to set the convention docket.



## SCDP Welcomes Alycia Albergottie as SC State Director of Hillary for America

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to announce the hiring of Alycia Albergottie as South Carolina State Director of Hillary for America. Alycia is a native of Columbia and grew up at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. She is a graduate of Allen University and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alycia's hiring by Hillary Clinton's campaign is great news. It reaffirms the campaign's commitment to a 50-state strategy to strengthen our party in every corner of the country. With a state director as skilled and experienced as Alycia at the helm, South Carolina may just shock the world in November. Regardless, the Clinton campaign's investment in our state this year will earn dividends for years to come.

Alycia is passionate about being a change agent in her community and has worked on several political campaigns from national, statewide, regional and citywide races including the Obama campaign in 2012 and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin's reelection campaign in 2013. She currently serves as the 1st Vice Chair of the Richland County Democratic Party and was a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Alycia's extensive political experience also includes:

2016 Young Democrats of the Central Midlands Member

2015 Alternate Executive Committeewoman for the Richland County Democratic Party

2014 Volunteer Vincent Sheheen for Governor Campaign

2013 South Carolina Democratic Party Top 50 African American Trailblazer Award Recipient

2013 Elizabeth Colbert Busch for Congress Regional Field Director

2013 National Committeewoman for South Carolina for the National Young Democrats

2013 Organizing for Action (OFA) South Carolina State Lead

2013 Presidential Inauguration Committee (PIC) South Carolina State Lead

2012 - 2016 South Carolina Young Democrats

2011 Volunteer for Obama for America Campaign

Previously, Alycia worked as a Program Coordinator at the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP), a statewide non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to help low-income people and families achieve economic stability and improve their lives.

We are excited to get to work with Alycia to turn South Carolina blue.

Sincerely,

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SCDP Chair

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**Alycia Albergottie**

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