



The African World Studies Program at Dillard University will host the Institute for Promoting Social Responsibility on April 18-20 and 25-28, 2011. The purpose of the institute is to explore and expand current and future opportunities for students to serve in underserved communities and challenged populations. The theme of the institute is "Finding Answers to the Future."

The institute will begin with a rhythm and blues performance by The Mike Baptiste Soul Review at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, in the Kearny Hall Recreation Lounge. On Tuesday, April 19th, the film ["Bastards of the Party"](#) will be screened and discussed at 7:00 p.m. in the Cook Center Theater.

Dr. Michael Tillotson of the University of Houston will lecture from his new book, ["Invisible Jim Crow: Contemporary Ideological Threats to the Internal Security of African Americans,"](#) on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Stern Hall Amphitheater. Panelists will respond to the presentation.

The institute continues at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 25, with a mini-lecture, "Jazz as America's Classical Music," by [Dr. Acklyn Lynch](#) (pictured), emeritus professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. A performance by [Donald Harrison Jr. and Friends](#) will follow.

The institute's keynote lecture, "Scholarship, Activism and Social Responsibility," will be given by Dr. Lynch at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, in Stern Hall Amphitheater. A panel discussion will

follow.

On Wednesday, April 27, Dr. Anthony James Ratcliff of California State University, Northridge will speak about “Hip Hop and Social Responsibility” at 3:30 p.m. in the Georges Auditorium of the Professional Schools Building, and he will be followed by a panel of respondents.

The institute will conclude on Thursday, April 28, with a daylong retreat highlighted by an intergenerational dialogue about scholarship, activism and community development.

Ms. Fabienne Snowden of the City University of New York will facilitate the retreat. Dr. Alan Colón of Dillard University, Dr. Lynch, Ms. Barbara Major of Citizens United for Economic Equity, and Dr. James Turner of Cornell University will serve as consultants. Invited participants will produce a personal plan for exercising social responsibility and develop an outline for a manifesto of student responsibility to the Black community.

Admission to all activities is free. For more information, contact Dr. Alan Colón at (504) 816-4701.

[Click here](#) to download the institute's program.