

## Social justice meets journalism

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On Monday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., New York Times columnist Charles Blow will lead a dialogue on “The Intersection of Social Justice and Journalism” in Dixon Hall. (Photo from OMA)

***Note: Location has changed to Dixon Hall.***

The [Amistad Research Center](#) has partnered with the Tulane University [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#) (OMA) to host a dialogue on “The Intersection of Social Justice and Journalism,” which will be led by accomplished New York Times columnist Charles Blow.

The free event is open to the public and will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in Dixon Hall on the uptown campus.

The program is part of Conversations in Color, a free cultural event series inviting artists, educators and community activists to share their work and discuss its impact on social change.

“OMA is delighted to co-host this amazing journalist, humanitarian and inspirational speaker as we celebrate the legacy of Dr. King,” said Carolyn Barber Pierre, assistant vice president for student affairs at the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

A Louisiana native, Blow is a CNN commentator and a presidential visiting professor at Yale University, where he teaches a seminar on media and politics. He is also the author of the critically acclaimed memoir *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*.

“The Washington Blade called Charles Blow ‘the James Baldwin of our age.’ We can’t wait to hear his views,” said Kara Olidge, executive director of the Amistad Research Center.

Blow will delve into issues such as race relations within the United States, journalists acting as “change agents” in the age of misinformation and the use of social media platforms in social justice movements.

“To get involved you must get informed,” said Olidge. “Given the tenor of the recent election, the rise of Black Lives Matter and alt-right movements, and the undermining of civil rights in the United States, we’re excited to host what should be an enlightening evening with Mr. Blow.”

To register for this event, click [here](#).