Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad is the new director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Dr. Muhammad comes to his new position from Indiana University, Bloomington, where he was a professor of history. He earned his doctorate at Rutgers University, under noted historian David Levering Lewis. Dr. Muhammad is the son of Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times photographer Ozier Muhammad and he is the great grandson of Elijah Muhammad, late founder of the Nation of Islam, which gave Malcolm X his first public position.

He will discuss his book *Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America* (Harvard University Press, 2010). Dr. Muhammad wrote that a hundred years ago New York City police were accused of engaging in “a pattern of discriminatory crime fighting,” with blacks arrested for crimes that whites committed with impunity. Dr. Muhammad will reflect on a question: Is New York City’s Stop-and-Frisk policy a continuation of these “Jim Crow” practices associated with the post-Civil War South?

Journalism Professor Ron Howell, Department of English, will welcome Dr. Muhammad. Dr. Kimberley Phillips, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, whose award-winning book, *Alabama North* (University of Illinois Press), addresses themes similar to ones found in Dr. Muhammad’s book, will offer some introductory remarks.