You are invited to a conversation with Dr. Jonathan Metzl, winner of the 2020 RFK Book Award for human rights and equal justice. Dr. Metzl will discuss his book *Dying of Whiteness*, Thursday, October 29, 6:00 - 7:00 pm (PT)

Physician and sociologist Jonathan M. Metzl, MLA ’95 traveled across America’s heartland seeking to better understand the politics of racial resentment and its impact on public health. Although such measures promised to restore greatness to white America, Metzl’s systematic analysis of health data dramatically reveals they did just the opposite: these policies made life sicker, harder, and shorter in the very populations they purported to aid. White gun suicides soared, life expectancies fell, and school dropout rates rose. Dr. Metzl discusses how right-wing backlash policies have mortal consequences—even for the populations they promise to help.

Remarkable...Through field interviews, research and public-health data, Metzl shows that whites are harming themselves along with everyone else, and in drastic ways...A weighty but smooth read, devoid of polemics or jargon.—*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

About Jonathan Metzl
Jonathan M. Metzl is the Frederick B. Rentschler II professor of sociology and psychiatry at Vanderbilt University and director of its Center for Medicine, Health, and Society. He attended the University of Michigan and Stanford University, is the author of several books, and is a prominent expert on gun violence and mental illness. His book *Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment Is Killing America’s Heartland* won the 2020 RFK book award.

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