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## Jonathan Metzl, M.D., PH.D.

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### “The Protest Psychosis: How Schizophrenia Became a Black Disease”

in conversation with

Harold W. Neighbors, Ph.D.  
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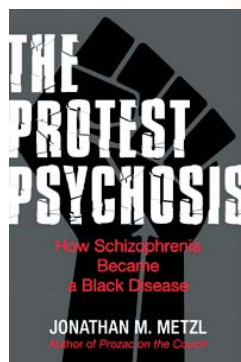
### Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Talk and Conversation  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room 1655, Crossroads  
School of Public Health I

Book Signing and Refreshments  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 1680, Crossroads  
Community Lounge  
School of Public Health I



In *The Protest Psychosis*, psychiatrist and cultural critic Jonathan Metzl tells the shocking story of how schizophrenia became the diagnostic term overwhelmingly applied to African American men at the Ionia State Hospital in Ionia, Michigan in the 1960s. Events at Ionia mirrored national conversations that increasingly linked blackness, madness, and civil rights. As he demonstrates, far from resulting from the racist intentions of doctors or the symptoms of specific patients, racial schizophrenia grew from a much wider set of culture shifts that defined the thoughts, actions, and even the politics of black men as being inherently insane.

Jonathan Metzl is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Women's Studies and Director of the Culture, Health, and Medicine Program at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender. A 2008 Guggenheim award recipient, his books include *Prozac on the Couch* and *Difference and Identity in Medicine*.

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