



Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL DINNER Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards

Please join us for a discussion on Justice and Equity in Healthcare: How Do We Get There?



Dr. Jonathan Metz MD, PhD is an acclaimed physician, psychiatrist, and sociologist who speaks and writes on a range of topics including guns, gun violence, and race, gender, and social justice in healthcare.

He is the author of the groundbreaking new book, *Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing America's Heartland*. A New York Times bestseller and named one of the most anticipated books of 2019 by *Esquire* and the *Boston Globe*, the book is an in-depth look at why so many working-class white Americans support politicians whose policies are literally killing them. The book was also the winner of the 2020 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

Dr. Metz's quest to understand the health implications of "backlash governance" led him across America's heartland where he interviewed a range of everyday Americans. He examined how racial resentment fueled pro-gun laws in Missouri, resistance to the Affordable Care Act in Tennessee, and cuts to schools and social services in Kansas.

Dr. Metz is the Frederick B. Rentschler II Professor of Sociology and Psychiatry, and the Director of the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his MD from the University of Missouri, MA in humanities/poetics and Psychiatric internship/residency from Stanford University, and PhD in American Culture from University of Michigan. A 2008 Guggenheim Fellow, Professor Metz has written extensively for medical, psychiatric, and popular publications and appears regularly on television and radio.

His other books include *The Protest Psychosis: How Schizophrenia Became a Black Disease*, *Prozac on the Couch: Prescribing Gender in the Era of Wonder Drugs*, and *Against Health: How Health Became the New Morality*.

Dr. Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD was the 2019-2020 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Ratcliff Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, and a Past President of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Jones is currently Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Cardiovascular Research Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Jones speaks on the impacts of racism on health and leads national efforts to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity.



Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. She seeks to broaden the national health debate to include not only universal access to high quality health care, but also attention to the social determinants of health (including poverty) and the social determinants of equity (including racism).

Dr. Jones is a public health leader valued for her creativity and intellectual agility. As a methodologist, she has developed new methods for comparing full distributions of data, rather than simply comparing means or proportions, in order to investigate population-level risk factors and propose population-level interventions. As a social epidemiologist, her work on "race"-associated differences in health outcomes goes beyond simply documenting those differences to vigorously investigating the structural causes of the differences.

As a teacher, her allegories on "race" and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. She aims through her work to catalyze a national conversation on racism that will mobilize and engage all Americans in a National Campaign Against Racism.

Dr. Jones was an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health (1994 to 2000) before being recruited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000 to 2014), where she served as a Medical Officer and Research Director on Social Determinants of Health and Equity.

Dr. Jones is the recipient of many awards to include the Wellesley Alumnae Achievement Award (Wellesley College's highest alumnae honor, 2018), the Louis Stokes (NMA Health Advocacy Award, 2018), Frances Borden-Hubbard (SAHP Social Justice Award, 2018), and Cato T. Laurencin (Cobb Institute and NMA Distinguished Research Award, 2018). And the Chanchlani Global Health Research Award (McMaster University, 2019).

Human Relations Commission Annual Dinner & Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards (Virtual Event)

Will air on WNIN and Facebook Live

Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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