

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY'S FORD HALL FORUM PRESENTS:

An evening with **Jonathan M. Metzl**, MD, PhD, acclaimed physician and sociologist upon the publication of his groundbreaking new book, [\*What We've Become: Living and Dying in a Country of Arms\*](#). The evening's moderator is **Gary Fireman**, Ph.D., associate provost and professor, Psychology Department, Suffolk University.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.** Live via Zoom

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*This program is free and open to the public.*



JONATHAN M. METZL



GARY FIREMAN

**Long at the forefront of a movement advocating for gun reform as a matter of public health**, Nashville-based physician and gun policy scholar Dr. Jonathan M. Metzl has been on constant media call in the aftermath of fatal shootings. But as he came to understand it, public health is a hard sell in a nation that fundamentally disagrees about what it means to be safe, healthy, or free. In his book *What We've Become*, Metzl reckons both with the long history of distrust of public health and the larger forces—social, ideological, historical, racial, and political—that allow mass shootings to occur on a near daily basis in America.



[www.jonathanmetzl.com/book/what-weve-become](http://www.jonathanmetzl.com/book/what-weve-become)

This brilliant, piercing analysis points to mass shootings as a symptom of our most unresolved national conflicts, and ultimately sets us on the path of alliance forging, racial reckoning, and political power brokering we must take to put things right.

Metzl is the Frederick B. Rentschler II Professor of Sociology and Psychiatry and the director of the Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, at Vanderbilt University. He is the author of several acclaimed books that challenge the ways we think about illness and health, including *Dying of Whiteness*, *The Protest Psychosis*, *Prozac on the Couch*, and *Against Health*.