

## An evening of storytelling, music and performances. The door

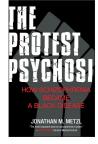
Saturday oct 19<sup>h</sup> | 7.30 pm | Invisible Dog Art Center

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## Zoom

The Protest Psychosis: How Schizophrenia Became a Black Disease (Beacon, 2011)



The civil rights era is largely remembered as a time of sit-ins, boycotts, and riots. But a very different civil rights history evolved at the Ionia State Hospital for the Criminally Insane in Ionia, Michigan. 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 protesters at Ionia—for political reasons as well as clinical ones. Expertly sifting through a vast array of

cultural documents, Metzl shows how associations between schizophrenia and blackness emerged during the tumultuous decades of the 1960s and 1970s—and he provides a cautionary tale of how anxieties about race continue to impact doctorpatient interactions in our seemingly postracial America.

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