Structural Competency: Engaging Stigma and Inequality in Medicine and Medical Training
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Jonathan Metzl, the psychiatrist and cultural analyst who coined the term “structural competency” and, with Helena Hansen, co-authored the main journal article on it, completes the Advancing Cultural Competence series with a 1.5 hour presentation. Dr. Metzl will review the origins of the term and discuss the 5-part model of structural competency. He will then describe the structural bases of stigmatizations of mental illness in the United States, focusing on his book, The Protest Psychosis, which connects the over-diagnoses of schizophrenia among Black men to racial anxieties following the protests of the 1960s.

Dr. Metzl will conclude his presentation by describing the program to train pre-health students in structural competency through the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society at Vanderbilt University.

Learning Objectives
After watching this webinar participants will be able to:

- Identify the historical origins of Structural Competency
- Describe the structural bases of stigmatizations of mental illness in the United States
- Discuss how the structural origins of stigma vs schizophrenia intersected with political anxieties about race.
- Explain the benefits of training pre-health students in structural competency

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