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## **Meharry Medical College, StreetSolid Industries Host Conference Focused On Laws & Policies That Create Inequality, Discontent, Illness**

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE – Meharry Medical College and StreetSolid Industries are hosting a conference, *The Invisible Laws and Policies That Create Illness, Inequality, Disenfranchisement and Discontent in America. How Our Laws and Policies Affect the Health, Wellness and Flourishing of a Nation – and What We Can Do About it*, on Saturday, October 15th from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Cal Turner Family Center on the Meharry Medical College campus in Nashville, TN. Visit [www.Meharryconference.com](http://www.Meharryconference.com) for free registration and more information.

“The conference will focus on the invisible laws and policies that can create illness, inequality, disenfranchisement and discontent in America,” explained Dr. Vincent Morelli, professor at Meharry Medical College and professor adjunct at Vanderbilt University.

“Through a diverse slate of speakers (health care, business, law, public health, economic, politics etc.), the goal is to open eyes, educate, inspire and unite so that we may better lend our voices to change and move toward a healthier more actualized nation,” Morelli said. “Most of us are vaguely aware of the laws and policies that direct our lives, the ones that create the environment in which we live. Fewer of us are aware of the effect these laws and policies can have on our well-being – the debilitating physical, emotional and psychological fallout from poverty, disconnection, and sub-optimal environments.”

Among notable speakers are: Joseph Stiglitz (Nobel Prize-winner), Thomas LaViest (Chair of Tulane’s School of Public Health), Bobby Moresco (Academy Award-winning writer of *Crash*), businesses -- Oracle, Alliance Bernstein, Amazon and Nissan Americas -- and organizations working with disenfranchised groups around the country: Father Greg Boyle’s Homeboy Industries from L.A., Arne Duncan's CRED from Chicago, and Nashville’s StreetSolid Industries.

Meharry Medical College is one of the nation’s oldest and largest historically black academic health science centers dedicated to educating physicians, dentists, researchers, and health policy experts. A recent study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* ranked Meharry as one of the nation’s top five producers of primary care physicians.

StreetSolid Industries is a nonprofit organization whose programs serve justice-involved and under-resourced youth and adults. The organization’s programming uses cognitive-behavioral approaches, social-emotional skill building, and fraternity/relationship building to reduce

recidivism in our justice-involved populations and cultivate the human potential that resides within us all.

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