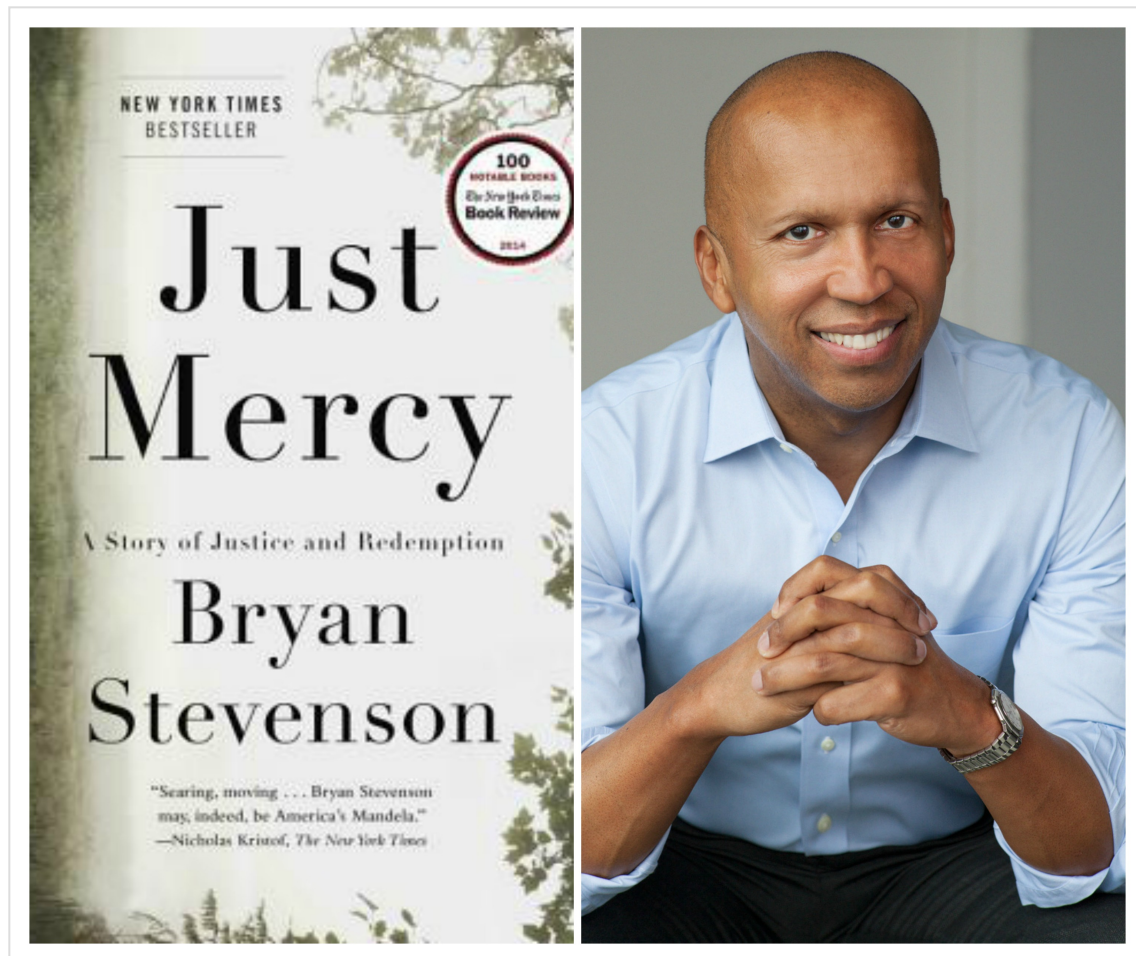


'Just Mercy' Author Bryan Stevenson to Speak at Campus Event Sept. 27

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The Seminary of the Southwest is hosting a talk by Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium.

Stevenson is a renowned lawyer and faculty member at NYU School of Law who has represented capital defendants and prisoners for more than 30 years. Stevenson's work has garnered international acclaim, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" and the Olof Palme Prize in Sweden for human rights, and he is the author of the New York Times bestseller book "Just Mercy," which will soon be made into a major motion picture starring Michael B. Jordan.

The event is in partnership with the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law. [Visit this website](#) for more information.

More about the book: “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption,” is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

“Just Mercy” is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice

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