

Read the Book and Join the Conversations

“We are all broken by something. We have all hurt someone and have been hurt. We all share the condition of brokenness even if our brokenness is not equivalent. I desperately wanted mercy for Jimmy Dill and would have done anything to create justice for him, but I couldn’t pretend that his struggle was disconnected from my own. The ways in which I have been hurt—and have hurt others—are different from the ways Jimmy Dill suffered and caused suffering. But our shared brokenness connected us.”

— Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public Unless Otherwise Noted

Bryan Stevenson - Convocation Guest Speaker | Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. | Pavilion

Friends, family, and the community are invited to join us for Fall Convocation to meet this year's honored guest, Brian Stevenson, author of the 2017 UM Common Reading Experience text, *Just Mercy*. Mr. Stevenson is the award-winning executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, and a professor of law at New York University School of Law. Bring your copy of *Just Mercy* to be signed after the ceremony.

Conference: Recollections and Reflections, Celebrating Fifty Years of Diversity | Thursday - Saturday, August 24-26, 2017 | UM School of Law

Register for the conference: <https://law.olemiss.edu/diversity-registration/>

School of Law Dean’s Welcome Reception

Thursday, August 24 5:30-7:00 | Law School Atrium

For those who arrive on Thursday, please join us for a reception in the Law School. Our new dean, Susan Duncan will be on hand to welcome and meet everyone.

Registration

Friday, August 25 9:00-5:00 | Room 1021 | Welcome Room:

Drop into the Welcome Room throughout the day to register, have a drink and a snack, rest, connect with old friends, and make new ones. You can also sign up for a tour of the Law School building.

Lunch: 12:00-1:15 | Law School Atrium

Come to lunch and start off the day’s events. Are you curious what the Law School is doing now? Enjoy a brief presentation on the “State of the Law School.”

Panel #1: 1:30-3:00 | Room:TBD - Recollections and Reflections: Our Pioneers

Panelists: Hon. Reuben Anderson, Mr. Warren Cox, Mr. James Ford, Hon. Constance Slaughter-Harvey, Hon. Geraldine Page, Hon. A.C. Wharton.

Panel #2: 3:15-4:45 | Room: TBD - Recollections and Reflections: Perspectives Over the Decades

Panelists: Rep. Willie Perkins, Hon. Isadore Patrick, Ms. Erica McKinley, LaToya Redd Thompson, Mr. Rod Hickman.

Reception: 6:30 and Banquet: 7:00 | Ole Miss Inn - Fee: \$35 per guest, Cash Bar

We invite all of our graduates to participate in recognizing the sacrifices, strength, and determination of our pioneer graduates in breaking the color line at the Law School. Hosted by Dean Susan Duncan. Semi-Formal.

Oral History Recording: Throughout the day | Room: TBD - Sign up to record an oral history and preserve your law school recollections and reflections. We would love to capture your thoughts and experiences for teachers, students, scholars, and future generations.

Film: Crimes of the Heart (1986) | Saturday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Locals Bar and Grill
Enjoy a film screening with the Oxford Film Festival and Sarah Isom Center. Southern Gothic Tragedy and Family. Plot Summary: Three sisters with quite different personalities and lives reunite when the youngest of them, Babe, has just shot her husband. The oldest sister, Lenny, takes care of their grandfather and is turning into an old maid, while Meg, who tries to make it in Hollywood as a singer/actress, has had a wild life filled with many men. Their reunion causes much joy, but also many tensions.

Film: Mississippi Innocence, Screening and Discussion with Tucker Carrington | Wednesday, September 27, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | UM School of Law Room 1078 Weems Auditorium

Learn more about this important movement across the nation and here in Mississippi with George C. Cochran Innocence Project Director and UM Associate Professor of Law, Tucker Carrington. Professor Carrington is the founding director of the Mississippi Innocence Project (MIP) and Clinic at the University of Mississippi School of Law. In 2011, he and Joe York produced a film for the Southern Documentary Project titled Mississippi Innocence, that documents the wrongful convictions of two men and the paths that led to their exonerations in 2008. MIP's mission is to identify, investigate and litigate actual claims of innocence by Mississippi prisoners, as well as advocate for systemic criminal justice reform. To that end, MIP drafted and helped to pass into law the State's first-ever DNA preservation and post-conviction testing statute, as well as the State's first compensation legislation to aid those who have been wrongfully convicted. After the 1 hour screening, Tucker will discuss the ongoing effort here in Mississippi to help those wrongfully convicted.

Long Road to Hard Truth: The 100-Year Mission to Create the National Museum of African American History and Culture | Wednesday, October 11 | 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | UM School of Law Room 1078 Weems Auditorium

Judge Robert Wilkins (currently a judge on the Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit) was instrumental in forming and then chairing the committee that built the new Museum of African American History on the D.C. Mall. He's written a book — Long Road to Hard Truth — that tells the story. This event will include Judge Wilkins speaking for an hour followed by Q&A. Lunch provided.

Mississippi History & Civil Rights | Thursday, October 19, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | J.D. Williams Library Faulkner Room (3rd floor)

Bring your lunch and learn more about the highly anticipated new museums opening this December in Jackson, Mississippi. Director for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, Pamela Junior, will discuss the significance of this museum as well as the new Mississippi History Museum through sharing her experiences helping Mississippians tell their civil rights stories through the work of preservation. This

has been a year of celebrating Mississippi's 200th year as a state and a time for reflecting on what we have overcome, as well as the work still to be done, especially for justice and equality.

Are You Ready? Dialogue Series: Let's Start the Conversation | Wednesday, November 1, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | J.D. Williams Library Room 106D

Join us for coffee and conversation with Dr. Katrina Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Community Engagement, as we explore the theme of connectedness within Just Mercy.

A Panel Discussion of Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption | Monday, November 6, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Overby Center Auditorium

The University of Mississippi presents a panel on the bestselling novel, Just Mercy. Distinguished professors, criminal justice professionals, along with a formerly incarcerated man who was paroled due to author Bryan Stevenson's dedication to reforming the criminal justice and prison systems will discuss and debate the chronicles of mass incarceration, punishments for juvenile offenders, and establishing relationships with incarcerated persons. Additionally, twelve restorative justice inmates at Marshall County Correctional Facility completed a book study surrounding Just Mercy, and they will be speaking during the panel via Skype to present their thoughts and connection with the novel.

Common Reading Debate - Civil Discourse on Topics in Just Mercy | Tuesday, November 7, 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. | Tupelo Room in Barnard Observatory

Two representatives from the College Democrats and the College Republicans will lead an open and civil debate of issues raised in Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy. Moderated by Dr. Marvin King.

Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America | Tuesday, November 14, 12:45 p.m. Lecture; 2:00 p.m. Book Signing | UM School of Law Weems Auditorium

Professor James Forman, Jr. (Yale Law School) will discuss his recent book, Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America, which has received the Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice Shortlist, 2018 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence Longlist, one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2017, and a New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice.