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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

Annemarie Ryan '22



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INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE BRYAN STEVENSON

Jenny-Brooke Condon

Professor of Law, Seton Hall School of Law



CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Reverend John Chadwick

Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Newark

Seton Hall University Board of Trustee and Board of Regent Member



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Bryan Stevenson

(See next page for his accompanying bio)

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Bryan Stevenson

Litterarum Humanarum Doctoris



Bryan Stevenson, the author of *Just Mercy* and the Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, will be awarded an honorary degree and will make

a presentation on social justice and personal involvement at Seton Hall University on Sunday November 7, 2021, at 6 p.m. in Bethany Hall on the South Orange, New Jersey campus. There will be in person seating, advance registration required, and virtual streaming over the Seton Hall website.

The honorary degree *Litterarum Humanarum Doctoris* will recognize Stevenson's lifelong commitment to legal representation for death row inmates and other extraordinary achievements as a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and great advocate for justice. His activities reflect the mission and values of Seton Hall University. Seton Hall is a major Catholic university. In a diverse and collaborative environment, it focuses on academic and ethical development. Seton Hall students are prepared to be leaders in their professional and community lives in a global society and are challenged by outstanding faculty, an evolving technologically advanced setting and a values-centered curricula.

Stevenson is an American lawyer, social justice activist, and the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative. Based in Montgomery, Alabama, he has challenged bias against the poor and minorities in

the criminal justice system, including children, since 1985. He is best known for initiating major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge inequality in America. He led the creation of two highly acclaimed cultural sites in Montgomery which opened in 2018—the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

Bryan's messages focus on identity matters, the need for proximity, changing the narrative, remaining hopeful and the willingness to be uncomfortable—all in an effort to advance social justice.

This event is sponsored by the Seton Hall University Office of the Provost, the Law School and the University Core Program. A related reading program with an incentivized essay contest for Stevenson's book, *Just Mercy*, is coordinated by the SHU Reads program. The new entering class of 2025, approximately 1,700 students, and related professors of first-year classes, begin their common reading and learning experience in the summer before their first classes began. Since 2003, all incoming first-year Seton Hall students have read a common book, to introduce them to academic and student life at Seton Hall.

For additional information:

- www.shu.edu/center-for-academic-success/summer-reading.cfm
- eji.org
- justmercy.eji.org