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### EDUCATION

#### HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2005

Honors: *cum laude*  
Frank Knox Fellowship for 2005-2006

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A. in History, with distinction, 2001

Honors: *summa cum laude*  
Phi Beta Kappa (first election)

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Hilary and Trinity Terms 2000

### JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

THE HONORABLE JUDITH W. ROGERS, The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Washington, D.C. Fall 2006-Fall 2007

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA Summer 2008-Present

*Professor of Law (tenured).*

Courses: Criminal Law, Contracts, Law and Mind Sciences, Business Organizations  
Committees: Curriculum (2009-10, 16-17; Chair, 15-16), University Advisory Committee on Faculty Diversity (2015), Career Development & Judicial Clerkships (2014-15, 16-17), Colloquium (2014-15), Faculty Appointments (2008-09; Chair, 13-14), Advisor to Law Review (2010-11), Student Code of Conduct Hearing (2010-12), Readmission (2010-12), Health Law Program (2010-12), Faculty Hearing (2008-10), Drexel University Human Cognitive Enhancement Program (2010)

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, Brooklyn, NY Spring 2013

*Visiting Professor of Law.*

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW, Cambridge, UK Fall 2005-Fall 2006

*Visiting Scholar and Senior Visitor with Emmanuel College.*

PROFESSOR DAVID WILKINS, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA Summer 2005

*Research Assistant.*

PROFESSOR ELIZABETH WARREN, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA Fall 2004

*Teaching Assistant.*

PROFESSOR JON HANSON, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA Spring 2003-Summer 2005

*Coauthor and Research Assistant.*

## LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

**JENNER & BLOCK LLP**, Washington, D.C.  
*Associate.*

Fall 2007-Summer 2008

**LATHAM & WATKINS LLP**, London, UK  
*Summer Associate.*

Summer 2004

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Adam Benforado (CO-PI) & Geoff Goodwin (CO-PI, University of Pennsylvania), *Why We Punish* (Drexel IRB Reliance on University of Pennsylvania IRB, Approved 2010).

Adam Benforado (CO-PI), Susan Goldin-Meadow (CO-PI, University of Chicago) & Steven Jacobs (Student Researcher, University of Chicago), *The Effect of Gesture on Adult Perception of Closing Arguments* (Drexel IRB Reliance on University of Chicago IRB, Approved 2010).

## RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation, Award No. SES-1228231, Marking the Boundaries of Punishment: Retribution Directed at Innocents, Animals & Collectives (\$74,997) (with Geoff Goodwin).

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

ADAM BENFORADO, *UNFAIR: THE NEW SCIENCE OF CRIMINAL INJUSTICE* (Crown 2015).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *Attributions and Ideologies: Two Divergent Visions of Human Behavior Behind Our Laws, Policies, and Theories*, in *IDEOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND LAW* (Oxford University Press 2012).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *Seeing Bias: Discrediting and Dismissing Accurate Attributions*, in *IDEOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND LAW* (Oxford University Press 2012).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *Backlash: The Reaction to Mind Sciences in Legal Academia*, in *IDEOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND LAW* (Oxford University Press 2012).

### ARTICLES

Geoff Goodwin & Adam Benforado, *Judging the Goring Ox: Retribution Directed Toward Animals*, 39 *COGNITIVE SCIENCE* 618 (2015).

Adam Benforado, *Law and Embodiment*, in *Four Applications of Embodied Cognition* (Joshua Davis ed.), 4 *TOPICS IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE* 787 (2012).

Adam Benforado, *Color Commentators of the Bench*, 38 *FLA. ST. U. L. REV.* 451 (2011).

Adam Benforado, *Quick on the Draw: Implicit Bias and the Second Amendment*, 89 *OR. L. REV.* 1 (2010).

Adam Benforado, *The Body of the Mind: Embodied Cognition, Law, and Justice*, 54 *ST. LOUIS U. L.J.* 1185 (2010) (symposium).

Adam Benforado, *Don't Blame Us: How Our Attributional Proclivities Influence the Relationship between Americans, Business, and Government*, 5 *ENTREPREN. BUS. L.J.* 509 (2010) (symposium).

Adam Benforado, *Frames of Injustice: The Bias We Overlook*, 85 *INDIANA L.J.* 1333 (2010).

Adam Benforado, *The Geography of Criminal Law*, 31 CARDOZO L. REV. 823 (2010).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *Legal Academic Backlash: The Response of Legal Theorists to Situationist Insights*, 57 EMORY L.J. 1087 (2008).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *Naïve Cynicism: Maintaining False Perceptions in Policy Debates*, 57 EMORY L.J. 499 (2008).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *The Great Attributional Divide: How Legal Policy Debates Are Shaped by Divergent Views of Human Nature*, 57 EMORY L.J. 311 (2008).

Jon Hanson & Adam Benforado, *The Drifters: Why the Supreme Court Makes Justices More Liberal*, BOSTON REV., Jan./Feb. 2006 (subsequently republished in BUSINESS INSIDER, April 9, 2016).

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *The Costs of Dispositionism: The Premature Demise of Situationist Law and Economics*, 64 MD. L. REV. 24 (2005) (symposium).

Adam Benforado, Jon Hanson & David Yosifon, *Broken Scales: Obesity and Justice in America*, 53 EMORY L.J. 1648 (2004).

Frank D. Ferrari & Adam Benforado, *Setation and setal groups on antenna 1 of *Ridgewayia klausruetzleri*, *Pleuromamma xiphias*, and *Pseudocalanus elongatus* (Crustacea: Copepoda: Calanoida) during the copepodid phase of their development*, 111 PROC. BIOLOGICAL SOC'Y WASH. 209 (1998).

Frank D. Ferrari & Adam Benforado, *Relationships between arthrodial membrane formation and addition of setae to swimming legs 1-4 during development of *Dioithona oculata*, *Ridgewayia klausruetzleri*, *Pleuromamma xiphias*, and *Temora longicornis* (Copepoda)*, 71 CRUSTACEANA 545 (1998).

#### SHORT ARTICLES, OP-EDS, AND LETTERS

Adam Benforado, *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY BLOG, September 6, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *There's a Simple Way to Make Sure Blacks Don't Get Harsher Prison Sentences than Whites*, WASH. POST, July 20, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *The Deadly Consequences of Jumping to Conclusions*, LITERARY HUB, June 15, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *The (Shockingly Simple) (Game-Changing) (Absolutely Essential) Formula for Criminal Justice Reform*, MEDIUM, Mar. 9, 2016.

Jaymes Fairfax-Columbo, Adam Benforado, David DeMatteo & Kirk Heilbrun, *Teaching and Researching at the Intersection of Law and Psychology: Insights on How Three Seemingly Divergent Training Roads Can Converge*, AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY-LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Oct. 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Do Trial Consultants Spell the End of Justice?* THE JURY EXPERT, Aug. 28, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *The Hidden Bias of Cameras*, SLATE, Aug. 16, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Why Criminal Justice Isn't Just*, CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, Aug. 3, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *What the Justice System Gets Wrong About Eyewitness Testimony*, THE SCIENCE OF US, N.Y. MAG., June 30, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Irrationality Continues to Plague the Justice System*, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, June 19, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Unfair: How An Eyewitness Account Sent John Jerome White to Jail*, BIOGRAPHILE, June 19, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Reasonable Doubts About the Jury System*, ATLANTIC, June 19, 2015.

- Adam Benforado, *The Case of the Widening Gap*, AMERICAN SCHOLAR, Summer 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Flawed Humans, Flawed Justice*, N.Y. TIMES, June 13, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Why We Tax Success*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Aug. 14, 2012.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Hate Airport Security? Get in Line*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, May 31, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *The Power of Money in Elections*, N.Y. TIMES, Feb. 1, 2010.
- Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *Novartis's Campus: Public Patronage*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 3, 2010.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Talented, but Not Superior*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Sept. 29, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Time to Rein in Tricks of the Financial Trade*, CAPITAL TIMES, Sept. 25, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Taking Down Dirty Lenders*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Aug. 3, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Sometimes Spending Saves Lives*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, July 2, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Segregating Markets—and People*, BALT. SUN, June 7, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Stereotypes on Full Display*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, June 3, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Prisoners, Too, Have Rights during an Epidemic*, PROVIDENCE J., June 3, 2009.
- Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, Editorial, *Left or Right, Judges are Activists*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, May 20, 2009.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Get the Best Legal Minds on Courts*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, Dec. 18, 2008.
- Adam Benforado, Commentary, *Don't Defraud the Voters*, LEGAL TIMES, Nov. 3, 2008.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Take the Banker's Porsche*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, Sept. 26, 2008.
- Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *The Duty of the Courts*, WASH. POST, May 23, 2008.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Corporate Sponsorship: On Target? Off Base?* WASH. POST, Mar. 11, 2007.
- Adam Benforado, Editorial, *Deciding to Kill*, BALT. SUN, May 1, 2006 (subsequently republished in PITTSBURGH TRIB.-REV., May 7, 2006; HOUSTON CHRON., May 5, 2006; SUN NEWS, May 4, 2006; DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT, May 4, 2006; RECORDER, May 4, 2006; CAPITAL TIMES, May 3, 2006; SALT LAKE TRIB., May 3, 2006; NEWS CHIEF, May 3, 2006).
- Jon Hanson & Adam Benforado, Editorial, *The Conservative Hypocrisy*, BALT. SUN, Dec. 11, 2005.
- Adam Benforado, *The Bird Flu Distraction*, SALT MAG., Nov. 9, 2005.
- Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *Downplaying Teen Smoking*, BOSTON GLOBE, Oct. 25, 2005.
- Jon Hanson & Adam Benforado, Editorial, *The Hitler Card*, BALT. SUN, July 3, 2005.
- Adam Benforado, *The Poisonous Branch: The Real Reason Courts Are Under Attack*, SALT MAG., June 27, 2005.
- Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *Of the People, by the People—When It's Convenient*, WASH. POST, June 25, 2005.

**BLOGS**

The Situationist, Blog of the Project on Law and Mind Sciences at Harvard Law School (Contributor).  
 The Faculty Lounge (Guest Blogger).  
 Concurring Opinions (Guest Blogger).  
 PrawfsBlawg (Guest Blogger).

**PRESENTATIONS****INVITED TALKS**

Adam Benforado, *Why Judges Matter* (with Nancy Gordon), Alliance for Justice and the Bryn Mawr NAACP Chapter, Bryn Mawr College, December 1, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Addressing the Myths of Criminal Defense*, National Seminar for Federal Defenders, Pittsburgh, PA, June 3, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Authors Shaping New Perspectives* (panel moderated by Daniel Pink), Behavioral Science & Policy Association, Washington, D.C., April 29, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, The Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society and the Social Law Library, Boston, April 26, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *The Psychology of Judging*, Flaschner Judicial Institute, April 26, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Challenging the Conventional Wisdom on Confessions and Prosecutorial Misconduct*, Emerging Issues in Crime and Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, April 1, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *You Mean There's a Way Around This Confession? Debunking the "Evidence" by Exposing Hidden Bias*, Death is Different XXII, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Death Penalty Seminar, March 18, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Evidence-Based Justice*, Law and Biosciences Workshop, Stanford Law School and the Stanford Center for Law and the Biosciences, Jan. 5, 2016.

Adam Benforado, *Evidence-Based Adjudication*, Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Winter Conference, Dec. 4, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *"Unfair" Book Discussion with Professor Adam Benforado*, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Nov. 11, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, American Forum (with Douglas Blackmon), Miller Center, University of Virginia, Nov. 10, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Evidence-Based Justice*, The Delaware Department of Justice Annual Retreat, Oct. 30, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, Wisconsin Book Festival, October 24, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *The Unraveling of the American Justice System* (with Shaka Senghor and Carmen Perez), Chicago Ideas Week, October 17, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *The Injustice of Criminal Justice*, University of Chicago Law School, October 16, 2015.

Adam Benforado, *One Book, One Community*, Upper Merion Township, September 9, 2015.

- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in Philadelphia*, Free Library, June 30, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in Napa*, Cooperfield's Books, June 27, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in Corte Madera*, Book Passage, June 25, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in San Francisco*, The Commonwealth Club, June 24, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in D.C.*, Politics & Prose, June 22, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Unfair in Cambridge*, Harvard Book Store, June 18, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *Balancing Law and Psychology: Insights from a Psycholegal Academic*, American Psychology-Law Society, February 27, 2015.
- Adam Benforado, *The Retributive Motive*, Workshop Series, Brooklyn Law School, April 8, 2013.
- Adam Benforado, *Motivated to Punish*, Faculty Colloquium Series, Pace University School of Law, Oct. 3, 2012.
- Adam Benforado, *The Psychology of the Trayvon Martin Case*, Hoodie Hall, American Constitution Society, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Apr. 16, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *Mapping Retribution*, American Constitution Society, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Apr. 2, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *The Psychology of Retribution: Studying Human Intuitions about Punishment*, Faculty Workshop Series, University of Tulsa College of Law, Oct. 7, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *Corporate Subjects: Experiments in Profitability*, Faculty Workshop Series, Wake Forest University School of Law, Sept. 8, 2011.
- Adam Benforado & Geoff Goodwin, *Punishing Jaws: Experiments on Retribution against Nonhuman Perpetrators*, Student Association for Law and Mind Sciences (SALMS) Lecture Series, Harvard Law School, Apr. 1, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *Preparing for a Career in Academia*, Legal Academic Writing Workshop, Harvard Law School, Apr. 1, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *Fair and Balanced: The Inequality of Embodied Justice*, Fifth Conference on Law and Mind Sciences: The Psychology of Inequality, Harvard Law School, Feb. 26, 2011.
- Adam Benforado & Geoff Goodwin, *Why We Punish*, The Moral Research Lab (MoRL) Virtual Workshop, Jan. 17, 2011.
- Adam Benforado, *The Goring Ox: Examining Intuitions About Punishing Animals to Better Understand the Retributive Motive*, Vanderbilt Law School Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School, Dec. 11, 2010.
- Adam Benforado & Geoff Goodwin, *The Goring Ox: Examining Intuitions About Punishing Animals to Better Understand the Retributive Motive*, University of Pennsylvania Psychology Department Lab Meeting, University of Pennsylvania Positive Psychology Center, Dec. 2, 2010.
- Adam Benforado, *Quick on the Draw: Implicit Bias and the Second Amendment*, Faculty Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Oct. 18, 2010.
- Adam Benforado, *Law and the Embodied Mind: Connecting Embodied Cognition to Legal Theory*, The Barnard Interdisciplinary Conference on Embodiment, Barnard College of Columbia University, July 23, 2010.
- Adam Benforado, *The Poisoned Orchard: Reassessing the Relationship Between Americans, Business, and Government*, Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal Annual Symposium, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Mar. 11, 2010.

Adam Benforado, *Perspectives of the Law: Another Look at Scott v. Harris*, Law and Human Behavior Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Feb. 1, 2010.

Adam Benforado, *The Body of the Mind: Embodied Cognition, Law, and Justice*, Childress Lecture, St. Louis University Law School, Oct. 2, 2009.

Adam Benforado, *Frames of Injustice: The Bias We Overlook*, Florida State University College of Law, Sept. 23, 2009.

Adam Benforado, *The Stage: The Role of Physical Space in Criminal Law*, Faculty Workshop Series, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Aug. 28, 2008.

Adam Benforado & Jon Hanson, *The Costs of Dispositionism*, Calabresi's *The Costs of Accidents: A Generation of Impact on Law and Scholarship*, University of Maryland School of Law Symposium, Apr. 2004.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Adam Benforado & Geoff Goodwin, *Judging the Goring Ox*. Paper presentation at The Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Oct. 25, 2013.

Geoffrey Goodwin & Adam Benforado, *Judging the Goring Ox: Examining Intuitions about Punishing Animals to Better Understand the Retributive Motive*. Paper presentation at The Society for Philosophy and Psychology 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, June 2012.

Steve Jacobs, Adam Benforado, & Susan Goldin-Meadow, *Law and Gesture*. Poster presentation at The Jean Piaget Society 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 2012.

Simone Schnall, Theodora Zarkadi, & Adam Benforado, *Fair and Balanced, or "Black and White" Thinking? Perceptual Experiences and Judgments of Morality and Fairness*. Paper presentation at The Association for Psychological Science 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, May 2012.

Theodora Zarkadi, Adam Benforado, & Simone Schnall, *Intuitions about Fairness and Justice: An Embodied-Cognition Account*. Paper presentation at The European Association of Psychology and Law 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, Apr. 2012.

Theodora Zarkadi, Adam Benforado, & Simone Schnall, *Tilting the Scales of Justice: Perceptual Imbalance Skews Judgments of Fairness*. Poster presentation at The British Psychological Society Annual Conference, London, UK, Apr. 2012.

Simone Schnall, Theodora Zarkadi, & Adam Benforado, *Fair and Balanced, or "Black and White" Thinking? Perceptual Experiences and Judgments of Morality and Fairness*. Paper presentation at The Society for Personality and Social Psychology 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Jan. 2012.

Geoffrey Goodwin & Adam Benforado, *Judging the Goring Ox: Retribution and the Punishment of Animals*. Paper presentation at The Society for Judgment and Decision Making 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, Nov. 2011.

Adam Benforado, *Places, Boundaries, and Crime: Using Evolutionary Analysis to Understand Spatial Dynamics in Criminal Law*. Paper presentation at Tenth SEAL Scholarship Conference, Vanderbilt University Law School, Apr. 16, 2009.

## SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Joshua Preston, Adam Benforado's *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, The Journal of Science & Law, October 11, 2016.

New Books In Psychology (Podcast with Eugenio Duarte), October 8, 2016.

Ileane Rudolph, Why Viewers Love True-Crime Shows, TV Insider, October 4, 2016.

Issac Bailey, I'm Black and I'm Afraid of Black Men, CNN.com, September 29, 2016.

Gabriel “Jack” Chin, Can We Improve on the Ordeal of American Criminal Justice? JOTWELL, September 12, 2016.

Sadie L. Trombetta, 7 Issue Nonfiction Books To Read Before The Presidential Debates Begin, Bustle, July 27, 2016.

Aaron Sankin, How Police Body Cameras Change Our Perception of Right and Wrong, The Daily Dot, June 29, 2016.

Jill Suttie, Do We Need More Empathic Judges? Greater Good, June 22, 2016.

Linda Geddes, How Biased Judges and Juries Can Make You a Murderer, New Scientist, June 15, 2016.

Jeremy Mikula, New in Paperback, Chicago Tribune, June 8, 2016.

Exemplary Law Books of 2015, Cedric Merlin Powell, Green Bag Almanac & Reader, 2016.

Virginia Needs a “Moneyball” Moment in Criminal Justice, Dean E. Lhospital, Washington Post, Mar. 18, 2016.

The Genetic Panopticon, Brandon L. Garrett, Boston Review, Mar. 17, 2016.

The Science of Injustice, David Caudill, The Christian Century, Mar. 11, 2016.

The Crime Culture of Prison, Debbie Jacob, Trinidad and Tobago Newsday, Mar. 4, 2016.

Making a Murderer: A Reading List On Our Broken Criminal Justice System, Matthew J. Hefti, Literary Hub, Mar. 3, 2016.

Interview with Adam Benforado, Joy Maulitz, CalAppNews, Winter 2015.

The Enduring Lesson of Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mocking Bird,” Ana Swanson, Wonkblog, Washington Post, Feb. 19, 2016

True Crime On-Screen: Why Do We Love Shows like American Crime Story and Making a Murderer So Much? Amy West, International Business Times, Feb. 16, 2016.

Why People Make False Confessions, Faye Flam, Chicago Tribune, Feb. 10, 2016.

Heleo’s Best Books of 2015, Heleo, Dec. 23, 2015.

Experts Tell Us: What Were the Best Books of 2015? PBS NewsHour, Dec. 23, 2015.

American Forum, PBS, Dec. 16, 2015.

Our Favorite Books of 2015, Greater Good, Dec. 15, 2015.

Book Reviews: *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*, Elizabeth Kelley, The Federal Lawyer, Dec. 2015.

Book Discussion on *Unfair*, C-SPAN2, October 24, 2015.

Unfair Forces Affecting US Legal System, Assia Awad, Djofbladet, Oct. 21, 2015.

A Public Affair, WORT, Oct. 20, 2015.

The Joy Cardin Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, Oct. 1, 2015.

How Bias Warps Criminal Justice, Jill Suttie, Greater Good, Sept. 22, 2015.

The Marilu Henner Show, Sept. 1, 2015.



- Could Video Evidence Deceive Us? Danny Cevallos, CNN.com, Sept. 1, 2015.
- The Art of Persuasion, Sonny Bal, Lawrence H. Brenner, and Caroline Poma, *Orthopedics Today*, Aug. 2015.
- Unfair: The Science of Criminal Injustice* (Book Review), Carina Giesen, *The Inquisitive Mind*, Aug. 26, 2015
- Book Notes, *Grand Forks Herald*, Aug. 26, 2015
- The Law Business Insider, Aug. 23, 2015.
- Cognitive Biases in Legal Decisions, *Social Psych Online*, Aug. 20, 2015.
- PoliticKING with Larry King, Aug. 21, 2015.
- Minnesota Public Radio News, Aug. 13, 2015.
- Stop Delivering Payback, Start Rehabilitating Criminals, *NewsWorks, WHYY*, Aug. 11, 2015.
- (Don't) Speak, Memory, Christopher Moraff, *Al Jazeera America*, Aug. 9, 2015.
- The Bryan Callen Show, Aug. 8, 2015.
- How to Reform the Justice System, Alex Good, *Waterloo Region Record*, Aug. 8, 2015.
- The American Way of Punishment, Hank Reichman, *The Academe Blog*, Aug. 8, 2015.
- America's Justice System Sure Doesn't Know Much Science, Sarah Zhang, *Wired*, Aug. 3, 2015.
- The New Science of Criminal Injustice, Jeff Schechtman's "Specific Gravity," July 28, 2015.
- There's a Scientific Reason for Racism Built Into America's Criminal Justice System, Kali Holloway, *Salon*, July 23, 2015 (originally published on *Alternet*).
- Criminal Injustice and Avatars, Sherry F. Colb, *Dorf on Law*, July 22, 2015.
- Unconscious Bias in the Justice System, Press Play with Madeleine Brand, *KCRW*, July 22, 2015.
- AuthorChats, July 21, 2015.
- The U.S. Court System Is Criminally Unjust, Ana Swanson, *Wonkblog, Washington Post*, July 20, 2015.
- Delayed Trials for Fairer Outcomes? Sherry F. Colb, *Justia*, July 16, 2015.
- "Unfair" Shows How Ordinary Human Failings Can Lead to Failures of Justice, Sarah Boslaugh, *Pop Matters*, July 15, 2015.
- Legal Theory Bookworm: "Unfair" by Benforado, *Legal Theory Blog*, July 11, 2015.
- Criminal Justice Exposed, *Politics Nation with Al Sharpton*, July 9, 2015.
- NPR's Fresh Air, July 6, 2015.
- Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice, *San Francisco Book Review*, July 2, 2015.
- Independence from Injustice: A Look at Our Legal System with Adam Benforado and Bryan Stevenson, *Harvesting Happiness*, July 1, 2015.
- Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice, *Free Library Podcast*, June 30, 2015.
- Adam Benforado "Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice": We Are the Problem, *Rainbow Light*, June 30, 2015.

Unfair: The Justice System is Broken, Can Science Fix It? New Scientist, June 30, 2015.

Adam Benforado: The New Science of Criminal Injustice, moderated by Judge LaDoris H. Cordell (ret), Commonwealth National Podcast, June 24, 2015.

New Book Says Blame Humans for Legal Injustice, Not the System, KQED Arts, June 23, 2015.

Overnight America, CBS St. Louis, June 23, 2015.

How Psychology Can Help Make a Fairer Criminal Justice System, Radio Times, June 22, 2015.  
Melissa Harris-Perry, June 21, 2015.

Unfair: 5 Books on the Failings of Our Legal System, Biographile, June 17, 2015.

What Makes Criminal Justice Unfair, Jefferson Public Radio, June 17, 2015.

Nalon, Malone & Kullik Morning Show, WMJI Radio, June 17, 2015.

Book Chat, UMGA-TV, June 17, 2015.

Neuroscience May Be the Key to Reforming Our Criminal Justice System, Modern Notion (Podcast), June 17, 2015.

Objection: What Film Gets Wrong About Criminal Law, Word & Film, June 16, 2015.

NPR's Weekend Edition with Scott Simon, June 13, 2015.

There is No Justice: What Cops and Courts Get Wrong About the Human Brain, Salon, June 6, 2015.

Selected Alumni Books, Harvard Law Today, May 4, 2015.

## **PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Washington, D.C., 2008 (inactive)

New York, 2007

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2007

### **REFEREE APPOINTMENTS**

National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program

University of Chicago Press

Topics in Cognitive Science (topiCS)

Law & Society Review

Obesity

**PRAISE FOR *UNFAIR: THE NEW SCIENCE OF CRIMINAL INJUSTICE***

- ▶ A New York Times Best Seller ◀
- ▶ A #1 Audible.com Best Seller ◀
- ▶ An Amazon Best Nonfiction Book of the Month ◀
- ▶ A Goodreads Best Book of the Month ◀
- ▶ A 2016 Media for a Just Society Awards Finalist ◀
- ▶ A 20th Annual Books for a Better Life Awards Finalist ◀
- ▶ A Greater Good Favorite Book of 2015 ◀
- ▶ A 2015 *Green Bag* Exemplary Legal Writing Honoree ◀
- ▶ A 2016 Science in Society Journalism Awards Honorable Mention ◀
- ▶ A 2015 One Book, One Community, Upper Merion Township Official Selection ◀
- ▶ A 2017 Silicon Valley Reads Official Selection ◀

“In this important, deeply researched debut, [Benforado] draws on findings from psychology and neuroscience to show that police, jurors, and judges are generally guided by intuitive feelings rather than hard facts in making assessments...The new research challenges basic assumptions about most key aspects of the legal system, including eyewitness memory, jury deliberations, police procedures, and punishment...An original and provocative argument that upends our most cherished beliefs about providing equal justice under the law.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred

“This book suggests that criminal justice in the United States is not a system at all but a set of dysfunctional units that deliver biased decisions that make society less safe. Benforado deftly analyzes actual cases and recent studies in psychology and neuroscience to argue for broad-based reforms...A stimulating critique of today’s criminal justice system with applications to recent cases in Ferguson, MO, and elsewhere...Authoritative and accessible.”

—*Library Journal*, starred

“...a well-documented eye-opener.”

—*San Francisco Book Review* (5/5 stars)

“As gripping as a Grisham novel, only it isn’t fiction. With captivating cases and razor-sharp science, Adam Benforado puts the justice system on trial and makes a bulletproof argument that it’s fundamentally broken. This extraordinary book is a must-read for every judge, lawyer, detective, and concerned citizen in America.”

—**Adam Grant**, Wharton School of Business, and author of *Give and Take*

“In *Unfair*, Adam Benforado makes us aware of all our many imperfections when it comes to the judgment of others in our midst. He does so gently and with astonishing knowledge. Learning so much about our subconscious biases and the judicial system that exploits them is fascinating—and deeply troubling. But he goes further: he offers obtainable solutions, ones that we should race to effect, both within our own minds and in the human fates on which we bring our minds to bear.”

—**Jeff Hobbs**, author of *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace*

“Adam Benforado has written a book that will make you rethink everything you believe about crime and punishment. He gracefully blends science and storytelling to make a powerful case that our failure to bring the realities of human psychology into the courtroom has led to profound injustice. Enthralling and unsettling in equal measure, *Unfair* might be the most important book you read this year.”

—**Daniel H. Pink**, author of *Drive*

“This thoughtful and penetrating study raises many deeply troubling questions, and even more important, offers humane and very reasonable approaches to cure some of the ills of a system of ‘criminal injustice’ that should not be tolerated.”

—**Noam Chomsky**, Professor Emeritus, MIT

“*Unfair* succinctly and persuasively recounts cutting-edge research testifying to the faulty and inaccurate procedures that underpin virtually all aspects of our criminal justice system, illustrating many with case studies.”

—**The Boston Globe**

“In *Unfair*, [Benforado] argues that most errors in criminal justice stem from the failure to take into account the frailties of human cognition, memory and decision-making...this is a book everyone in the legal profession should read, and the rest of us too, for it is as much about the confounding idiosyncrasies of everyday behaviour as inequity in law.”

—**New Scientist**

“Benforado makes a compelling case, backed with reference to extensive scientific research, for [his] point of view in *Unfair*... Over and over again, Benforado demonstrates that basic assumptions underlying the criminal justice system are not supported by scientific evidence... [He] also reminds us of how far the practice of criminal justice has drifted from its ostensible goals... He is hopeful, however, that the system can be reformed, and the information in this book is offered in part toward that end. *Unfair* offers an excellent overview of an important body of information.”

—**PopMatters**

“Benforado is part of a rising chorus of academics, politicians, and those of us who work in the criminal justice system who are appalled by the fact that this country spends \$60 billion a year on prisons and boasts the dubious honor of incarcerating more persons per capita than any other nation. In *Unfair*, Benforado does a wonderful job of describing the scope of the problem and of thinking creatively about how we can improve our criminal justice system.”

—**The Federal Lawyer**

“Insightful... one of the most important books written in a very long time.”

—**Douglas Blackmon, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Slavery by Another Name*; *American Forum***

“Benforado’s book is simply chock-full of eye-opening research and practical suggestions for improvement... Hopefully, [*Unfair*] will push us to take a step in [the right] direction.”

—**Greater Good**

“No one denies that the criminal justice system should be based on reason and respect for our fellow humans, but *Unfair* compellingly insists that to do that will require accepting some uncomfortable truths. Every lawyer and judge working in the criminal justice system should read this book. Those who take it seriously will sleep uneasily for quite some time.”

—**JOTWELL**

“Systems of justice are built by human brains. As such, they’re subject to all the foibles of human psychology, from biased decision-making to xenophobia to false memories. With the eye of a scholar and the ear of a storyteller, Benforado marshals the burgeoning research to illuminate the nexus between law and the mind sciences.”

—**David Eagleman, Director of the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law, and author of *Incognito***

“*Unfair* is beautifully written, painstakingly researched, profoundly illuminating, and deeply disturbing. As evidence mounts that our criminal ‘justice’ system abounds with injustices, Benforado lays bare the systemic and psychological sources of its failures, weaving together compelling narrative and recent insights from the mind sciences. *Unfair* is must reading for anyone who cares about justice and, more important, for anyone who does not.”

—**Jon Hanson, Alfred Smart Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, and Faculty Director of the Project on Law and Mind Sciences and the Systemic Justice Project**

“*Unfair* is an engaging, eye-opening read. By weaving together the latest findings in psychology and neuroscience with real-world stories of justice gone wrong, *Unfair* sheds new light on how easy it is for unconscious biases to wreak havoc on the criminal justice system and the steps that can be taken to make the system fairer.”

—**Sian Beilock, University of Chicago Professor of Psychology, and author of *Choke* and *How the Body Knows Its Mind***

“*Unfair* is an incisive look at the problems that arise in the legal system because of the way people think as well as the prospects for meaningful reform. Adam Benforado has written an engaging and masterful book on one of the most important issues society has to face.”

—**Art Markman, Professor of Psychology, University of Texas, author of *Smart Thinking* and *Smart Change***

“In this provocative critique of the American criminal justice system, Adam Benforado demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that unfair outcomes aren’t tragic exceptions--they’re the rule, and human psychology is to blame. Bringing together cutting-edge research with insights from real life cases, Benforado shows us how our hidden biases undermine our guarantee of fairness and equality under the law, and offers much-needed solutions.”

—**Philip Zimbardo**, author of *The Lucifer Effect*

“It’s surprisingly easy to look back at high-profile criminal proceedings and see the flaws, while taking the overall system for granted. Adam Benforado looks across the whole canvas, elucidating through empirical data and scientific research how our own legal structures measure up—or, more accurately, don’t—to our values of justice and fairness. Criminal law in the United States is far from perfect, and Benforado’s thorough, thought-provoking examination is a welcome step in identifying and preventing institutionalized injustice.”

—**Jonathan Zittrain**, George Bemis Professor in Law, Harvard Law School

“In this fascinating book, Adam Benforado sheds new light from just about every angle on our criminal justice system. Practitioners, policy makers and everyday citizens will learn much about a subject that demands greater public debate.”

—**Tom Perriello**, former Representative, United States Congress.

“*Unfair* is a beautifully written book that manages to be both engrossing and important—a fascinating blend of psychological insight, legal know-how, and compelling storytelling. If you’ve ever wondered why the legal system doesn’t work as well as it should, Benforado’s intelligent take on the relationship between human psychology and the law will enlighten you—and leave you hopeful that we’re capable of doing better.”

—**Adam Alter**, NYU Stern School of Business, and author of *Drunk Tank Pink*

“An admirable collection of compelling stories about what is wrong with the criminal justice system.”

—**Christian Century**

“Unlike fields such as economics or philosophy, judicial theory and practice has largely ignored relevant findings about the human mind coming out of behavioral neuroscience and social psychology. This timely and important book can help us bring our criminal justice system into the 21st Century.”

—**Edward Slingerland**, Co-director of the Centre for the Study of Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture and author of *Trying Not to Try*