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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**DREXEL UNIVERSITY**, Philadelphia, PA Summer 2008-Present

*Professor of Law (tenured).*

*Professor of Psychology (by courtesy).*

*Dean's Research Fellow (2023-2025).*

Courses: Criminal Law, The Rights of Children, Law and Mind Sciences, Contracts, Business Organizations

Committees: University Benefits Committee (2023-26); University Fulbright Review Committee (2023-26); University Advisory Committee on Discrimination, Harassment, and Bias Incident Prevention Policy (2017-18); University Advisory Committee on Faculty Diversity (2015), University Human Cognitive Enhancement Program (2010), Advisor to Law Review (2010-11), Career Development & Judicial Clerkships (2014-15, 16-18), Colloquium (2014-15), Curriculum (2009-10, 16-17; Chair, 15-16), Faculty Appointments (2008-09; Chair, 13-14), Faculty Hearing (2008-10), Student Code of Conduct Hearing (2010-12), Health Law Program (2010-18), Intellectual Life (2019-25), Readmission (2010-12; Chair, 17-18, 25-26)

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**, Chapel Hill, NC Spring 2025

*Runyan Visiting Scholar Professorship.*

**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.*

### **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

## LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

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

Fall 2007-Summer 2008

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

Summer 2004

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND WORKING GROUPS

Child Brain Policy Initiative at the California Institute for Law, Neuroscience, and Education (2023-26).

UCLA Animal Law and Policy Program, *Does the Path Model of Blame Apply to Animals?* (with Geoff Goodwin) (2017-18).

National Science Foundation, Award No. SES-1228231, *Marking the Boundaries of Punishment: Retribution Directed at Innocents, Animals & Collectives* (with Geoff Goodwin) (2012-14).

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Adam Benforado, *THE PURPOSE OF LAW* (Yale University Press, in progress).

Adam Benforado, *A MINOR REVOLUTION: HOW PRIORITIZING KIDS BENEFITS US ALL* (Crown 2023).

*(See pages 18-19 of CV for praise/honors for the book.)*

Adam Benforado, *UNFAIR: THE NEW SCIENCE OF CRIMINAL INJUSTICE* (Crown 2015).

*(See pages 15-17 of CV for praise/honors for the book.)*

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

Adam Benforado, *The Old to Lead, the Young to Fall? Making the Case for Youth Rights*, *LEX Magazine* (2021).

Adam Benforado, *The Unsettling Truth About Our Legal System: What the Mind Sciences Can Teach Teenagers About Criminal Injustice*, 18 *INSIGHTS ON LAW AND SOCIETY* (2018).

Adam Benforado, *Can Science Save Justice?* 101 *JUDICATURE* 24 (2017).

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.

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, *Frank Holds Up a Mirror to the Legal System*, Rhetoric as Art: The Evocative Legacy of Predecessors, THE BEIJING NEWS BOOK REVIEW, April 26, 2024.

Adam Benforado, *What If Our Oldest President's Legacy Was Uplifting the Youngest Americans?* THE HILL, April 9, 2023.

Adam Benforado, *We Have to Lower the Voting Age to 16, Right Now*, ROLLING STONE, April 9, 2023.

Adam Benforado, *Lead in My Pipes Taught Me How Little America Does to Protect Children*, TIME, February 13, 2023.

Adam Benforado, Letter to the Editor, *Getting Rid of Predatory Judges*, N.Y. TIMES, Dec. 20, 2017.

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).

## INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

*The Past, Present, and Future of Children's Rights*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Weill Cornell Medicine, May 5, 2026 [UPCOMING].

*Children's Rights and the Economy*, Symposium on Children's Rights and Justice, University of Pennsylvania, November 5, 2025 [UPCOMING].

*How Education Law and Policy Drive Health Disparities for Immigrant Children, LGBTQIA+ Children, and Children with Disabilities* (with Nicole Tuchinda, Thalia González, and Michael Gregory), 48<sup>th</sup> Health Law Professors' Conference, Boston University School of Law, June 6, 2025.

*Pediatricians As Advocates for Child Wellbeing*, Runyan Grand Rounds Lecture, University of North Carolina, Department of Pediatrics, May 15, 2025.

*Centering Child Wellbeing in Law*, Plenary, Berks County Bench-Bar Conference, April 23, 2025.

*Reform Prosecutors: A Conversation with Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner*, Drexel Kline School of Law, April 1, 2025.

*A Minor Revolution*, Children's Defense Fund Board Strategy Session, January 31, 2025.

*Rejecting Children's Rights Minimalism to Maximize Youth Mental Health*, 2024-2025 Grand Rounds Series at the NYU Langone Medical Center Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, November 8, 2024.

*What Do Children Deserve?* Schemel Forum at the University of Scranton, September 26, 2024.

*Thinking Big: Remaking Society to Prioritize Children*, Plenary, 47th NACC National Child Welfare Law Conference, September 13, 2024.

*Children's Rights and the Future of Our Democracy*, Sojourners SoJoAction, July 2, 2024.

*A Minor Revolution*, Cheltenham United Parents Group, Cheltenham High School, April 17, 2024.

*How Prioritizing Kids Benefits Us All*, Wilson Distinguished Lecture, Duke Sanford School of Public Policy, Center for Child and Family Policy, and Duke Centennial, March 7, 2024.

*Children's Rights in A Democracy: 2024 and Beyond*, Keynote, Child Well-Being in America: A National Policy Forum, Children's Defense Fund, November 3, 2023.

*Is It Time to Lower the Voting Age in America?* Panelist, Child Well-Being in America: A National Policy Forum, Children's Defense Fund, November 3, 2023.

*The Law is For Children*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, October 19, 2023.

*A Minor Revolution: How Prioritizing Kids Benefits Us All*, New York Public Library, October 17, 2023.

*Cultivating a Child-First Mindset*, Grand Rounds, Georgetown University Hospital, October 3, 2023.

*Youth Enfranchisement in Reorienting Law to Prioritize Children*, Children's Voting Colloquium, June 15, 2023.

*A Minor Revolution*, Grand Rounds, Yale Child Study Center, May 23, 2023.

*A Minor Revolution: Philadelphia Book Launch*, Drexel University Kline Institute of Trial Advocacy, February 21, 2023.

*Psychological Bias and Victims*, New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission, Advocacy in Action Conference, June 16, 2022.

*Evidence for Prevention, Not Punishment*, Evidential Reasoning and Cognitive Bias Workshop, 1st Michele Taruffo Girona Evidence Week, May 27, 2022.

*Pleading Out* (with Dan Canon), Left Bank Books, YouTube, Mar. 8, 2022.

*Using Empiricism for Transformative Change*, Legal Empiricism and Discussion Society, University of Arizona Rogers College of Law, Mar. 23, 2021.

*Let's Talk Children's Rights!* Child Law Society and Family Law Society, Drexel University Kline School of Law, Mar. 1, 2021.

*Illuminating the Law: How Science Can Help Us Identify and Address Bias in the Criminal Justice System*, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Oct. 15, 2020.

*Bias in the Criminal Justice System*, U.S. Law and Legal Methods, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, July 23, 2020.

*The Rights of Children*, Criminal Justice Books Conference, Duke Law School, Jan. 13, 2020.

Book Discussion on *Unfair*, The Camden County Reentry Community Engagement Committee, Camden, NJ, Jan. 11, 2020.

*Children's Rights at 30: Challenges for the Next Generation*, International Human Rights Panel, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 4, 2020.

*Insanity Evaluation of the Murderer of a Child* (with David Rosmarin and James Knoll), American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 25, 2019.

*Hidden Bias: Why Our Criminal Justice System Comes Up Short*, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 25, 2019.

*Giving Children the Right to Vote*, Faculty Workshop Series, Drexel University Kline School of Law, Sept. 19, 2019.

*Unfair*, Criminal Justice Senior Seminar, Missouri State University Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, May 7, 2019.

*Rethinking Children's Rights*, DeLauro Public Policy Dinner, Washington, D.C. Mar. 13, 2019.

*A Psychological Perspective on Punishment*, Department of Criminology and Justice Studies, Drexel University, Feb. 28, 2019.

*Bad Dog: The Psychology of Blaming and Punishing Animals*, Department of Psychology Speaker Series, Drexel University, Oct. 29, 2018.

*Is Human Justice Just?* Penn State Berks, Reading, PA, Oct. 11, 2018.

*Why Good People Do Bad Things: A Psychological Perspective on Experts and Evidence*, Scientific Expertise in the Courtroom, Science History Institute, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 29, 2018.

*The Future of Criminal Justice*, National Institute of Justice Impression, Pattern and Trace Evidence Symposium, Alexandria, VA, Jan. 25, 2018.

*The Present and Future of Criminal Justice*, Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Conference, Pocono Manor, PA, Nov. 9, 2017.

*Can Science Fix the Justice System?* 2017 Kiroff Bench Bar Conference, The Changing Legal Profession: Culture, Science & Technology, Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 27, 2017.

*Unbecoming Justice: Confronting Hidden Bias in Our Legal System*, Bar Association of Lehigh County Bench Bar Conference, Baltimore, Sept. 23, 2017.

*The Failures of Our Criminal Justice System* (with Shaka Senghor), Educational Park Branch Library, San Jose, Mar. 24, 2017.

*Reforming Criminal Justice*, Santa Clara Central Park Library, Santa Clara, Mar. 23, 2017.

*A Social Justice Mindset*, Evergreen Community College, San Jose, Mar. 23, 2017.

*And Justice for All*, Campbell Library, Campbell, Mar. 22, 2017.

*Harnessing Local Leadership to Fight Criminal Injustice*, Rotary Club of San Jose, San Jose, Mar. 22, 2017.

*The Future of Criminal Justice*, Mountain View Public Library, Mountain View, Mar. 21, 2017.

*Harnessing Local Leadership to Fight Criminal Injustice*, Los Gatos Lodge, Los Gatos, Mar. 21, 2017.

*A Social Justice Mindset*, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Mar. 21, 2017.

*Reforming Criminal Justice*, West Valley Branch Library, San Jose, Mar. 20, 2017.

*And Justice for All*, Sunnyvale Public Library, Sunnyvale, Mar. 19, 2017.

*And Justice for All*, Cupertino Community Hall, Cupertino, Mar. 19, 2017.

*To Boldly Go: Countering Bias in the Centuries Ahead*, Brains and Bias, Law and Behavioral Science Week, Harvard Law School, Mar. 2, 2017.

*Reforming Criminal Justice*, Morgan Hill Library, Morgan Hill, Feb. 25, 2017.

*Fairness in Prosecutions* (with James Gibbons-Shapiro), Los Altos Library, Los Altos, Feb. 24, 2017.

*Reforming Criminal Justice*, Saratoga Library, Saratoga, Feb. 24, 2017.

Silicon Valley Reads Kick-off Event (with Sal Pizarro), Visual and Performing Arts Center, De Anza College, Cupertino, Feb. 23, 2017.

Adam Benforado, *Criminal Injustice in the Age of Trump*, Philadelphia Ethical Society, Jan. 15, 2016.

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

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

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

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

*The Psychology of Judging*, Flaschner Judicial Institute, Apr. 26, 2016.

*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, Apr. 1, 2016.

*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, Mar. 18, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The Injustice of Criminal Justice*, University of Chicago Law School, Oct. 16, 2015.



*One Book, One Community*, Upper Merion Township, Sept. 9, 2015.

*Unfair in Philadelphia*, Free Library, June 30, 2015.

*Unfair in Napa*, Cooperfield's Books, June 27, 2015.

*Unfair in Corte Madera*, Book Passage, June 25, 2015.

*Unfair in San Francisco*, The Commonwealth Club, June 24, 2015.

*Unfair in D.C.*, Politics & Prose, June 22, 2015.

*Unfair in Cambridge*, Harvard Book Store, June 18, 2015.

*Balancing Law and Psychology: Insights from a Psycholegal Academic*, American Psychology-Law Society, Feb. 27, 2015.

*Judging the Goring Ox* (paper presentation with Geoff Goodwin), The Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Oct. 25, 2013.

*The Retributive Motive*, Workshop Series, Brooklyn Law School, Apr. 8, 2013.

*Motivated to Punish*, Faculty Colloquium Series, Pace University School of Law, Oct. 3, 2012.

*Judging the Goring Ox: Examining Intuitions about Punishing Animals to Better Understand the Retributive Motive* (paper presentation with Geoff Goodwin), The Society for Philosophy and Psychology 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, June 2012.

*Law and Gesture* (poster presentation with Steve Jacobs and Susan Goldin-Meadow), The Jean Piaget Society 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 2012.

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

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

*Tilting the Scales of Justice: Perceptual Imbalance Skews Judgments of Fairness* (poster presentation with Theodora Zarkadi and Simone Schnall), The British Psychological Society Annual Conference, London, UK, Apr. 2012.

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

*Judging the Goring Ox: Retribution and the Punishment of Animals* (paper presentation with Geoff Goodwin), The Society for Judgment and Decision Making 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, Nov. 2011.

*The Psychology of the Trayvon Martin Case*, Hoodie Hall, American Constitution Society, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Apr. 16, 2011.

*Mapping Retribution*, American Constitution Society, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Apr. 2, 2011.

*The Psychology of Retribution: Studying Human Intuitions about Punishment*, Faculty Workshop Series, University of Tulsa College of Law, Oct. 7, 2011.

*Corporate Subjects: Experiments in Profitability*, Faculty Workshop Series, Wake Forest University School of Law, Sept. 8, 2011.

*Punishing Jaws: Experiments on Retribution against Nonhuman Perpetrators* (with Geoff Goodwin), Student Association for Law and Mind Sciences (SALMS) Lecture Series, Harvard Law School, Apr. 1, 2011.

*Preparing for a Career in Academia*, Legal Academic Writing Workshop, Harvard Law School, Apr. 1, 2011.

*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.

*Why We Punish* (with Geoff Goodwin), The Moral Research Lab (MoRL) Virtual Workshop, Jan. 17, 2011.

*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.

*The Goring Ox: Examining Intuitions About Punishing Animals to Better Understand the Retributive Motive* (with Geoff Goodwin), University of Pennsylvania Psychology Department Lab Meeting, University of Pennsylvania Positive Psychology Center, Dec. 2, 2010.

*Quick on the Draw: Implicit Bias and the Second Amendment*, Faculty Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Oct. 18, 2010.

*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.

*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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Luke Hinrichs, *Economy of Exploitation: The “Ancient Atrocity” of Child Labor Today*, The [F]law, Feb. 13, 2025.

A Minor Revolution: Prioritizing Kids' Rights Benefits Us All, *IDEAS*, Jan. 14, 2025.

If Kids Could Vote, We Would All Benefit, Argues Law Professor, CBC Radio, Jan. 14, 2025.

Family Proclamations, Won't Someone Think of the Children (with Adam Benforado), Feb. 6, 2024.

Parents & Politics, Why Prioritizing Children's Rights Benefits Us All with Adam Benforado, Dec. 13, 2023.

Speaking of Kids, Creating a Children-First Mindset in Policy and Society with Adam Benforado, Nov. 1, 2023.

Stay Tuned with Preet, Israel Update & Flawed Justice, Oct. 19, 2023.

ICONIQ Ideas: Interview, The ICONIQ Weekly, Sept. 30, 2023.

Phillip Bantz, Trump's Mugshot Was Defiant. How Will He Look For Jurors? Law360, Aug. 25, 2023.

Christine Speer Lejeune, How to Make a More Kid-Friendly Philadelphia, and Why We Absolutely Should, Philadelphia Magazine, July 15, 2023.

Christine Speer Lejeune, Bradford Pearson, and Laura Swartz, 17 Big Ideas to Make Philly a Kid-Friendly City, Philadelphia Magazine, July 15, 2023.

*A Minor Revolution* with Adam Benforado, Booked Up with Jen Taub, July 2, 2023.

HLS Authors: Summer 2023, Harvard Law Bulletin, June 27, 2023.

Elissa Strauss, Why Our Children Should Be More Demanding, Not Less, The Atlantic, May 5, 2023.

The Case for Letting Children Vote, Think, KERA, May 1, 2023.

Liz Mineo, Putting Children First Legally, Politically, Economically, Harvard Gazette, Apr. 25, 2023.

Raising Minors: Prioritizing Our Children's Future and Well Being, Life Examined, KCRW, Apr. 1, 2023.

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| University of Chicago Press                                  | Springer Publishing  |
| Topics in Cognitive Science (topiCS)                         | Law & Society Review |

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

- ▶ New York Times Best Seller ◀
- ▶ #1 Audible.com Best Seller ◀
- ▶ Amazon Best Nonfiction Book of the Month ◀
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- ▶ 2016 Media for a Just Society Awards Finalist ◀
- ▶ 20th Annual Books for a Better Life Awards Finalist ◀
- ▶ Greater Good Favorite Book of 2015 ◀
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- ▶ 2015 One Book, One Community, Upper Merion Township Official Selection ◀
- ▶ 2017 Silicon Valley Reads Official Selection ◀
- ▶ 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Book Award ◀

“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.”

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—**Robert D. Putnam**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Our Kids*

“*A Minor Revolution* will forever challenge the way you think about America’s treatment of her children.”

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— **Sacha M. Coupet**, Associate Dean of Mission Innovation and Leibman Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

“Genius is generally associated with novelty. The discoverer of a new subatomic particle, or a distant star, for example, a new deadly microbe or a means by which millions may be fed in some unseeable future. Yes, those all are fine examples of humanity’s best. But genius is not confined to the creation of the new. As often as not, the genius makes clear the obvious, calls attention to the impending, or, in the case of Adam Benforado, shines a spotlight on the good deeds we’ve long intended to get done, but have been lost in the general haste.”

— **Rick Kleffel**, *The Agony Column*