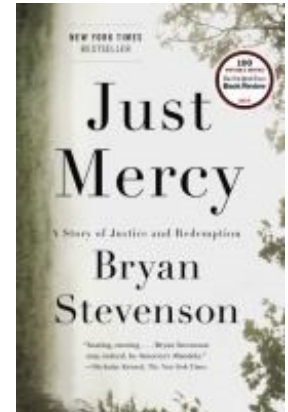


Each year, the University of Wisconsin-Madison stages the "Go Big Read" project. This activity endeavors to engage members of the campus community and beyond in a shared, academically focused reading experience.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate by reading a book, and taking part in classroom discussions and campus events. This year, Chancellor Rebecca Blank chose *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson from the short list that a selection committee culled from nearly 200 nominated titles.

2015 Go Big Read Selection

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. One of his first clients was Walter McMillian, a man on death row for a murder he didn't commit. Here Stevenson details the legal journey to McMillian's release as well as those of others he's helped in his now thirty-year career. The book is a call to action, true crime page-turner and critique of the American system of justice - and was chosen as UW-Madison's 2015 Go Big Read.



Mr. Stevenson is scheduled to visit the University of Wisconsin Madison, Monday, 26 October.



In anticipation of his presence on Campus, Chief Mike Koval and I forwarded a joint request letter to meet with a combined contingent of the 100 Black Men and twenty four (24) recruits of the Madison Police Department during his trip to Madison.

Recently, we were informed that Mr. Stevenson has accepted our request to speak from 10:30 - 11:30 AM, Monday, 26 October, at the Madison Police Department Training Center, 5702 Femrite Dr. Madison, WI 53718.

Going forward, the plan is after the event, the Madison Police Department and the 100 Black Men of Madison would reconvene as work groups for additional discussion and the development of action steps in which the two organizations could work (**together**) to affect positive change in our city.

If you are able to attend this activity, please register at <https://postbryanstevensonpresentationworkgroups.eventbrite.com>

**God Bless,
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