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# Social Justice Lawyering: Confronting Power, Racial and Economic Injustice and Hopelessness Within the Law

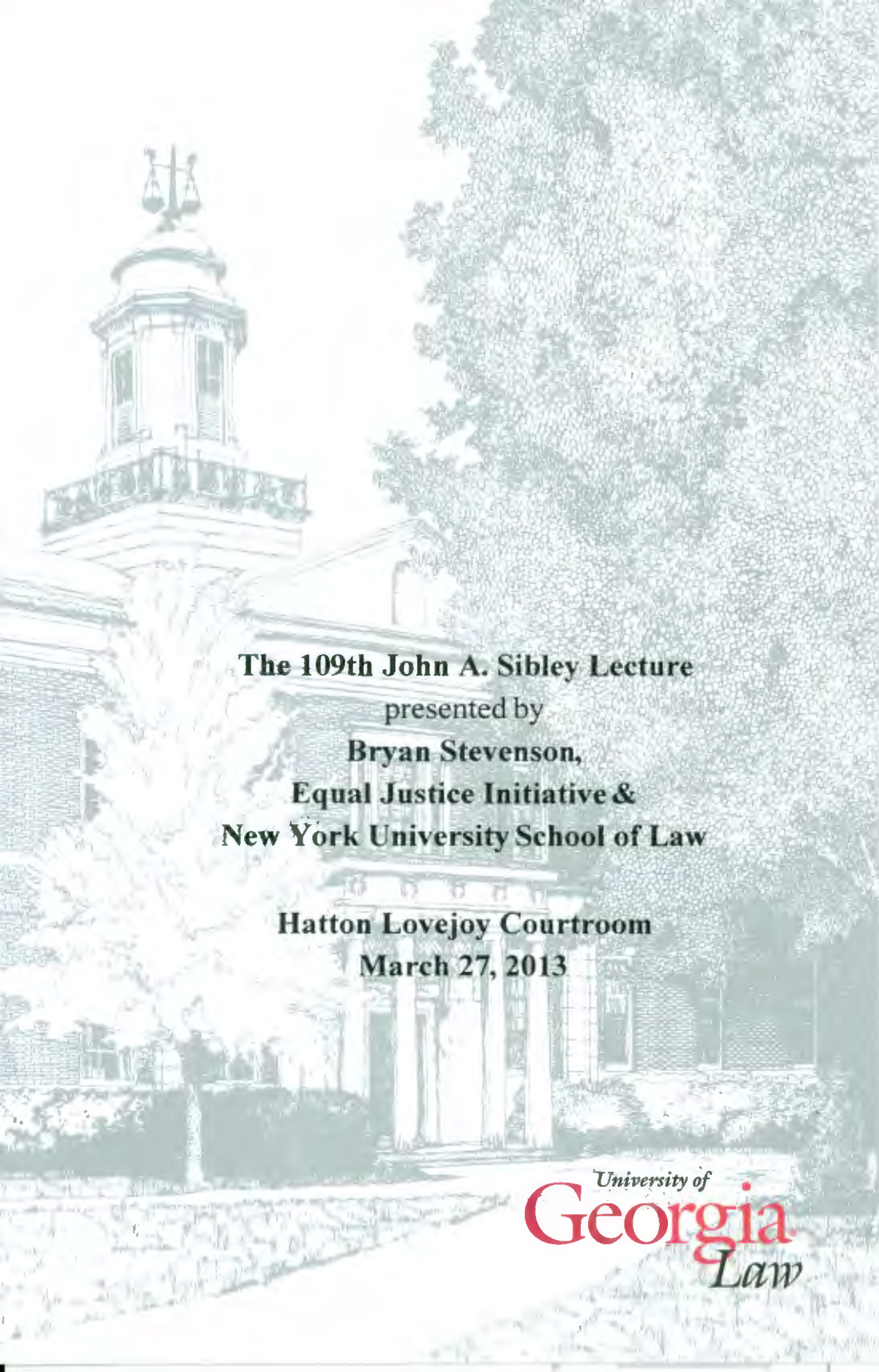
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**The 109th John A. Sibley Lecture**  
presented by  
**Bryan Stevenson,**  
**Equal Justice Initiative &**  
**New York University School of Law**

**Hatton Lovejoy Courtroom**  
**March 27, 2013**

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### **Bryan Stevenson**

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Ala., and is also a law professor at New York University. He has dedicated his career to helping the less fortunate and has more than 25 years of experience pursuing criminal justice reform and fighting excessive punishment.

Under his leadership, the Equal Justice Initiative has won several legal challenges including those dealing with excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Moreover, EJI recently won a historic ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court holding that mandatory life without parole sentences for all children 17 or younger are unconstitutional.

Stevenson's work has been recognized with the American Bar Association Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olof Palme International Prize, the American Civil Liberties Union National Medal of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Ming Award for Advocacy, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award.

He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government and is the recipient of 13 honorary doctorates.

## The 109th John A. Sibley Lecture

*Welcome and Introduction of Sibley Lecturer*

**Erica J. Hashimoto**  
*Associate Professor,  
UGA School of Law*

*Sibley Lecture – “Social Justice Lawyering: Confronting Power, Racial and Economic Injustice and Hopelessness Within the Law”*

**Bryan Stevenson**  
*Founder and Executive Director,  
Equal Justice Initiative &  
Professor, NYU School of Law*

There will be a reception immediately following  
the lecture in the Rotunda.

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