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Biography

Jon Gould is a distinguished scholar in justice policy, social change and government reform who has held key positions in the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Science Foundation. He assumed the deanship on Jan. 1, 2022. Gould leads the nation?s first school of social ecology, established in 1970 in response to high demand for more socially relevant research. For more than 50 years, the school has been an internationally recognized pioneer in developing interdisciplinary approaches to social problems. Its highly ranked faculty in criminology, law and society; urban planning and public policy; and psychological science engage in research and education to foster informed social action and make the world a better place. Gould?s expertise covers justice policy, social change and government reform. He was the principal investigator for the Preventing Wrongful Convictions Project, a multiyear research initiative funded by the National Institute of Justice. He is the author of five books and more than 100 articles and reports on such diverse subjects as erroneous convictions, indigent defense, prosecutorial innovation, police behavior, hate speech, sexual harassment and international human rights. Gould has filled a range of government leadership roles, including senior policy adviser in the U.S. Department of Justice and director of the Law & Social Sciences Program at the National Science Foundation. In 2015, U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts appointed him as reporter for a committee of the federal courts evaluating the operation of the Criminal Justice Act. Gould is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a former U.S. Supreme Court Fellow and a former trustee of the Law & Society Association. He received the Administration of Justice Award from the U.S. Supreme Court Fellows Alumni Association in 2017.

Areas of Expertise

International Human Rights, Hate Speech, Indigent Defense, Government Reform, Justice Policy, Social Change, Erroneous Convictions, Prosecutorial Innovation, Sexual Harassment

Affiliations

Arnold Foundation Eyewitness Identification Advisory Group, Law & Society Review : Associate Editor, Wrongful Conviction Law Review : Editorial Board

Education

University of Chicago
Ph.D. Political Science

Harvard Law School
J.D.

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
M.P.P.

University of Michigan
A.B. Public Policy

Accomplishments

Paul Tappan Award
Western Society of Criminology

Administration of Justice Award
U.S. Supreme Court Fellows Program

Social Activist Award
Justice Studies Association

Herbert Jacob Best Book Award
Law & Society Association

Outstanding Academic Title
American Library Association

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