

ABOUT SHAWN ACHOR

After spending over a decade at Harvard University, Shawn has become one of the world's leading experts on the connection between happiness and success. His research on happiness made the cover of Harvard Business Review, his TED talk is one of the most popular all time with 6 million views, and his lecture airing on PBS has been seen by millions. Shawn is the author of New York Times best-selling books [*The Happiness Advantage*](#) (2010) and [*Before Happiness*](#) (2013) as well as the award winning children's book the Ripple's Effect. He is featured in PBS's [*The Happiness Advantage with Shawn Achor*](#) special.

In 2007, Shawn founded **GoodThink**. to share his research with the world. Subsequently, Shawn has lectured or researched in more than 50 countries, speaking to CEOs in China, school children in South Africa, doctors in Dubai, and farmers in Zimbabwe. He has spoken to the Royal Family in Abu Dhabi, doctors at St. Jude Children's Hospital, and worked with the U.S. Department of Defense to promote happiness. Shawn graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and earned a Masters degree from Harvard Divinity School in Christian and Buddhist ethics. For seven years, Shawn also served as an Officer of Harvard, living in Harvard Yard and counseling students through the stresses of their first year. Though he now travels extensively for his work, Shawn continues to conduct original psychology research on happiness and organizational achievement in collaboration with researchers at Yale University and the Institute for Applied Positive Research.

