

HUMAN ECOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2009 RECENT ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JARED GENSER '95



A human rights lawyer, Jared has dedicated his life to aiding oppressed people across the world.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Upon graduating from law school, Jared founded Freedom Now, a non-profit organization that works to free prisoners of conscience through legal, political and public relations efforts. Since then, the organization has won the release of more than a half dozen political prisoners around the globe.

AT WORK:

Jared is a partner in the Global Government Relations Group of DLA Piper LLP (US), where he has led teams that authored two major reports on human rights abuses in Burma and North Korea. Since the publication of the report on Burma, which was commissioned by former Czech President Václav Havel and Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, the situation has been voted onto the agenda of the UN Security Council.

AT CORNELL:

Jared holds a bachelor's degree in Human Service Studies from the College of Human Ecology. While at Cornell, Jared founded Into the Streets and Best Buddies. He has continued to serve as a volunteer Alumni Admissions Ambassador. He went on to earn a master in public policy degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

AWARDS:

Jared has received numerous honors for his work. In 2008, he was awarded the American Bar Association's John Minor Wisdom Award for Professional and Public Service. He serves as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Jared pictured with his client, Chinese democracy activist Yang Jianli, son Aaron Yang, and wife Christina Fu, upon his arrival in the United States after five-years imprisonment in China.