

Human Rights Alumni Report Back

**A Right to Credit?:
The Experience of a Human Rights Alumnus in Microfinance**

Jacob Haar, a former University of Chicago Human Rights Intern
and co-founder of Minlam Asset Management LLC

12:30 pm on Friday, May 8

Lunch will be provided.

**CLAS conference room
Kelly Hall, Room 114
5848 S. University Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637**

Jacob Haar was a University of Chicago Human Rights Intern in 2004, when he worked in Azerbaijan with Save the Children USA and their microfinance institution, Azeri Star Microfinance. Microfinance is the provision of diverse financial services to low-income entrepreneurs. Jacob received his B.A. in History and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago in 2002, and received his M.A. from the University of Chicago's Center for Middle Eastern Studies in 2004. Jacob's work with microfinance during his Human Rights Internship led him to co-found Minlam Asset Management LLC in 2005, a New York-based investment firm that specializes in microfinance opportunities. In 2007 Minlam launched the Minlam Microfinance Fund, the first hedge fund aimed at funding loan portfolios and purchasing securities of financial institutions that serve low-income demographics in emerging markets.

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