

Jamal Brown, Bio for Boston SPYCE

Jamal Brown is a Litigation Assistant at Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD). Jamal manages GLAD's Sports Law Initiative, provides research assistance to attorneys on legal and policy issues affecting LGBT people and those with HIV, and fundraises to support the organization's groundbreaking work. Jamal also manages and researches for the Transgender Law & Policy Institute website.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Jamal received his B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies, tailoring his courses to gender, race, sexual orientation and the law, and queer studies. As an undergraduate, Jamal was a sprinter on the D1 Track & Field team, pioneered Dartmouth's first week-long LGBT Pride Week, and received the college's prestigious Dean's Prize upon graduation. As an alumnus, Jamal is on the Board of Directors of Dartmouth's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Alumni/ae Association (DGALA), and is a fundraiser for the Dartmouth College Fund.

Jamal regularly speaks to audiences on such topics as the intersections of the LGBT and the African American civil rights movements, and LGBT issues in sports. He is actively involved in grassroots causes, having canvassed around the country in support of marriage equality and transgender rights, and stumped for E. Denise Simmons's 2009 Cambridge, MA mayoral race.

In 2009, Jamal was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of MassEquality. As a board member of the MassEquality Education Fund, Jamal approves and oversees opinion polling and research, educational advertising and outreach to specific communities, and works with leaders and state-level advocacy organizations around the country to build a stronger movement for LGBT equality.

At 22, Jamal was named to *Out Magazine's* list of the top 100 people who shaped LGBT culture in 2008. He has been featured on the cover of *Boston Spirit Magazine*, and has been featured or quoted in numerous magazines and articles, including *The New York Times*.