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Defending Reproductive Freedom in ABQ



More than 80 people gather in Albuquerque at La Mesa Presbyterian Church to launch the Respect ABQ Women campaign

The decision whether to end a pregnancy is intensely personal and often complex. Every pregnancy is different and we cannot know the individual circumstances surrounding this decision. Nevertheless, out-of-touch groups persist in their attempts to force one-size-fits-all restrictions on abortion, intruding on extremely private medical decisions that belong only between a woman and her doctor.

In June of this year, anti-abortion groups with ties to the Kansas-based extremist organization Operation Rescue, announced that they were beginning a petition drive to ban abortion in Albuquerque after 20 weeks. The proposed ban would allow no exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or severe fetal anomaly. With the help of local churches, the petition organizers gathered enough sig-

natures for the proposed law to appear on the ballot in Albuquerque this fall.

In response, a group of women, families, and allied organizations—including the ACLU of New Mexico—banded together to launch Respect ABQ Women, a campaign to defeat the ballot measure. We're not about to let strangers who know nothing about our lives and families interfere in our most private medical decisions.

In New Mexico, we understand that women need to make these deeply personal decisions without outside interference or intrusion. The Respect ABQ Women campaign is about ensuring that our state continues to respect women and the real-life decisions they make. Every pregnancy

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Watching History Unfold Before Our Eyes

A roller coaster ride. There is really no better way to describe the past six months of legal and public education work towards winning the freedom to marry for loving, committed same-sex couples. In just the last half year, we have seen multiple sea changes in the marriage equality movement—both at the state and national levels. And wherever you looked, the ACLU was right in the thick of it.

In our last issue of the Torch newsletter in March, we announced the launch of our public education campaign to win the freedom to marry in New Mexico—Why Marriage Matters New Mexico (formerly All Families Matter New Mexico). Just days after the issue hit your mailbox, the ACLU of New Mexico, national ACLU, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) filed a lawsuit that asserted that the freedom to marry for same-sex couples is protected under our state and federal constitutions. Four days later the national ACLU began oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court in Windsor v. United States, claiming that the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" that prevented federal recognition of same-sex marriages in states where it is legal was unconstitutional.

We were on our way.



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Defending Reproductive Freedom

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is different and so are the circumstances that each woman faces. One-size-fits-all abortion bans harm women and are wrong for New Mexico.



Respect ABQ Women volunteers calling voters to ask them to vote NO on the anti-abortion ballot measure.

This is not the first time anti-abortion groups have targeted Albuquerque in their attempts to interfere in private doctor-patient relationships. As we documented in our winter 2011 newsletter, Operation Rescue and their local affiliates have had their sights on Albuquerque for several years now. When Dr. George Tiller's clinic closed in Wichita, Kansas after an anti-abortion extremist murdered him, several of Tiller's colleagues came to work in New Mexico. Two anti-abortion activists from Operation Rescue, calling themselves "missionaries," followed in their wake to continue their campaign of harassing doctors and shaming women.

One of their first acts was to try to hijack the regulatory role of the New Mexico State Medical Board in the summer of 2011 by leveeing false claims of wrongdoing against local abortion providers. They filed official medical complaints against local providers, claiming that the rare complications a handful of patients experienced were evidence of poor medical care. Although the medical complaints were politically motivated, the medical board did due diligence and investigated. They dismissed the charges, finding that doctors in Albuquerque provide abortions with the highest levels of professionalism and safety.

Anti-abortion activists have done their best to push their agenda in the legislature as well. Year after year they try to ram through legislation that would ban access to abortion. Through the lobbying efforts of the ACLU of New Mexico and other organizations, reproductive freedom advocates have frustrated these attempts to put government in the exam room where it doesn't belong.

Although the opposition has shifted its legislative target to the municipal level, their goal remains the same: to ensure that no woman anywhere in New Mexico can access a safe and legal abortion for any reason. For the vast majority of women in New Mexico, Albuquerque is the closest place to obtain a safe, legal abortion. Even so, the drive to Albuquerque can take more than half a day for women who live in rural parts of the state.

Out-of-state agitators and other out-of-touch anti-abortion activists in Albuquerque have already demonstrated that they will go to any length to intrude upon a woman's private doctor-patient relationship. We need to stand with Albuquerque women and send a strong message that we will not tolerate their interference in our bodies, our lives, and our decisions.

At the time of this writing, our campaign's fantastic volunteers have already made more than 15,000 calls to Albuquerque voters to urge them to vote NO on the government interfering in a woman's personal decision about abortion. We know from recent polls that defeating this ballot measure is within our reach, but we need all hands on deck.

The ACLU of New Mexico calls upon its members and supporters to join the Respect ABQ Women campaign to stop this callous and unconstitutional ballot measure in its tracks and safeguard the ability of women to make private medical decisions in consultation with her doctor. There are several ways you can get involved:

Vote NO on the government interfering in a woman's personal decision about abortion: If you live inside the city limits of Albuquerque, vote against the abortion ban when it appears on the ballot on November 19th.

Volunteer with the campaign: We need to build an army of volunteers to call voters, knock on doors, and host house parties for the campaign. You don't need to live in Albuquerque to help so sign our pledge of support today at respectABQwomen.org.

Spread the word: Make sure that your friends and family in Albuquerque know about the ballot measure and why it's wrong for women and New Mexico. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/respectABQwomen and follow us on Twitter @respectABQwomen so you can help share our important message via social media.

Donate to the campaign: Your generous gift to the Respect ABQ Women campaign will help us defeat this ballot measure and keep the decision of whether to end a pregnancy between a woman and her doctor. Donate online today at respectABQwomen.org or write a check out to "Respect ABQ Women" and mail it to:

Respect ABQ Women
PO BOX 6808
Albuquerque, NM 87197

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Executive Director's Notes

One Nation Under Surveillance



When faced with evidence about the growing reach of government surveillance, many people react that they have nothing to hide, so why be worried? Former ACLU plaintiffs Edgar Manukian and Diana Arutinova can explain why. Eight years ago the couple was traveling on an Amtrak train bound for Denver when they were confronted by three DEA agents at the train station in Albuquerque. The agents told Diana and Edgar that they were ‘suspicious’ and demanded to search the couple’s luggage. Feeling pressured, but believing they had nothing to hide, the couple acquiesced.

After rifling through the couple’s two bags and emptying their contents on the train floor, one of the agents discovered a pouch containing Diana’s bras and underwear. He pulled them out one by one, examining with an exaggerated smile while the other two agents joined in with coarse remarks and laughter.

When the search was over and the couple had re-packed their belongings, Edgar asked the officers for their names and badge numbers. One of the agents pushed Edgar toward the train door and said, “You want my name? What are you going to do about it, asshole?” As the agent became increasingly agitated, Diana tried to step between the two men. The agent grabbed her by the arm and roughly pushed her against the wall, shaking her so hard that she struck her head. He stopped only when Diana began to scream.

Diana tried to photograph the officers as they were walking away, but one of them noticed her. Another confrontation ensued. The officers seized the camera and walked away. They had found nothing illicit and never filed any charges against Diana and Edgar.

Two innocent people on a routine train trip. Nothing to hide.

But what Edgar and Diana did not know is that, through an arrangement with Amtrak, the DEA scans passenger manifests for trains traveling through Albuquerque. They single out travelers who buy their tickets one-way, with cash, several days before their trip. The details are innocent enough, but they fit the DEA’s profile for a drug courier.

As the officer told Edgar, they make you ‘suspicious.’ DEA-Amtrak cooperation is just a crude version of the growing surveillance complex that the federal government has put into place since 9/11. If train tickets can earn as much scrutiny as Diane and Edgar experienced, imagine what the government might think about the pattern of websites you visit and phone numbers you call—to say nothing about the actual content of those communications.

Now add to that store of intelligence the government’s growing ability to track your physical movement—the businesses you patronize, the meetings you attend, the homes you visit—through a growing network of video surveillance cameras, facial biometric scanners, cellphone tracking programs, and license plate readers. Each new piece of information adds another opportunity for a government observer to find something ‘suspicious’ about your everyday behavior.

Edgar and Diana didn’t have anything to hide. But, as their story illustrates, we all have something to fear from unfettered government surveillance.

2013 Bill of Rights Celebration

Join the ACLU of New Mexico as we celebrate another incredible year of defending basic freedoms in New Mexico. Enjoy dinner, drinks, and live music as we gather with to honor the men and women who have helped protect and extend our civil liberties.

Friday, November 22
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sheraton Uptown Hotel, Main Ballroom
2600 Louisiana Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Tickets \$125 per person. Tables available for purchase. RSVP online today at aclu-nm.org/BORC2013.

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Featuring Journalist Peter Maass

Peter Maass has worked for the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, the Washington Post, the Atlantic, the New York Times Magazine and many other prominent journals and magazines. Maass has reported on numerous conflicts, including Bosnia and the second U.S. war in Iraq, and in recent years has distinguished himself **one of the nation’s foremost watchdogs of our sprawling surveillance state**. He recently published an exclusive interview with Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency whistleblower who exposed the mass surveillance programs used to spy on innocent Americans.



Maass will speak on the United States surveillance state, his recent interview with Snowden, and the future of privacy rights in the digital era.



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The Lawsuit

1. Press conference at the ACLU of New Mexico announcing our lawsuit to win the freedom to marry in New Mexico.
2. Plaintiffs Miriam Rand and Ona Porter, Albuquerque, NM
3. Plaintiffs Kim Kiel and Rose Griego, Santa Fe, NM
4. Plaintiffs Cecilia Taulbee and Monica Leaming, Farmington, NM. After they received their marriage license from the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, they met Rev. Lee Albertson (ret.) and married in the ACLU of New Mexico conference room.
5. Plaintiffs Greg Gomez and A.D. Joplin, Farmington, NM.
6. Plaintiffs Therese Councilor and Tanya Struble, Jemez Springs, NM.
7. Plaintiffs Jen Roper and Angelique Neuman, Pojoaque, NM. Jen and Angelique were among the first couples to receive a license in Santa Fe. They were married in the lobby of the Christus St. Vincent Cancer Center in Santa Fe where Jen was undergoing treatment for stage four brain cancer.



The Campaign



1. Hundreds gather in Albuquerque's civic plaza on August 27 to witness the first marriages between same-sex couples in Bernalillo county.
2. The Why Marriage Matters New Mexico campaign traveled all over the State of New Mexico organizing support for the freedom to marry and training new leaders for the movement.
3. Equality New Mexico Executive Director Amber Royster signs up Taos Mayor Darren Cordova as a marriage supporter. More than 4,000 New Mexicans state-wide have pledged their support for the freedom to marry.
4. The Why Marriage Matters New Mexico campaign team posing next to the campaign float before the 2013 Albuquerque Pride Parade. Special thanks to Albuquerque artist Corky Frausto for designing and helping build our float.
5. Regional Center for Border Rights staff at Pride in Las Cruces.
6. ACLU-NM Communications Manager Micah McCoy driving the ACLU-mobile in the Albuquerque Pride parade.
7. Sandy Mishkin holding up a picture of her daughter at the rally in Robinson Park in Albuquerque celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court decision that declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.



ACLU of New Mexico Welcomes Returning Board Members

In April, 2013, the members of the ACLU of New Mexico reelected seven sitting board members to serve another three year term. The returning board members are:

- John Briscoe
- Michelle Brown-Yazzie
- Kevin Hoover
- Stanley M. Hordes
- Patricia Jones
- Rebecca Kitson
- John Salamack

Congratulations to our returning board members and a special thanks to all of our members who voted in the board election

Visit ACLU-NM.ORG to watch a video of Mike and Loretta talk more about their journey towards acceptance, or scan this QR code with your mobile device to watch now.



Watching History Unfold

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Filing in New Mexico

On March 21, two couples, Ona Porter and Miriam Rand of Albuquerque and Rose Griego and Kim Kiel of Santa Fe, walked into the Bernalillo County Clerk’s office and asked the clerk to issue them a marriage license. The clerk politely denied their license, saying that, although there is no prohibition against same-sex couples marrying in New Mexico, she did not believe the law was sufficiently clear to authorize her to issue licenses to same-sex couples.

A few hours later, the legal team filed in New Mexico district court asking the courts to clarify whether loving, committed same-sex couples can marry in the State of New Mexico.

Building the Movement

We knew from the beginning that winning the freedom to marry in New Mexico would be more than just a legal battle. One of the hard lessons learned from Proposition 8 in California, the 2008 ballot measure that reversed the law that made marriage for same-sex couples legal in the state, was that any sort of legal or legislative action must be accompanied by a parallel public education effort. We know that when people learn that marriage matters to gay and lesbian couples for similar reasons it matters to straight couples, they support the freedom to marry. Love, commitment, and family—taking care of each other through good times and bad—these are values that all people understand.

A Journey Towards Acceptance: Mike & Loretta’s Story

Throughout 2013 as part of the Why Marriage Matters New Mexico campaign, each issue of The Torch will feature a story about real New Mexicans whose lives are impacted by the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage.

It wasn’t easy for Mike and Loretta Davila when they learned that two of their four daughters, Rebecca and Karen, are lesbians. The Farmington couple had always attended churches that had taught them that being gay is wrong. Mike remembers reacting with panic and fear, writing his daughters strong letters that expressed his beliefs.

“We were not raised to think that it was okay for our daughters to be gay,” said Loretta. “It’s what we knew at the time.”

Their reaction to their daughters coming out placed a strain on their family. They were able to maintain a positive relationship with Karen, but their lack of acceptance estranged them from Rebecca for several years.

Over time, though, Mike and Loretta began to re-consider what they had been taught. What they had always believed about gay people came into question when they looked at the lives their daughters were leading.

“All I saw were normal, good, honest, hard-working people. So, I started asking questions. It’s like you flipped the light switch and it just dawned on me,” Mike recalled.

Together, they began to read, study, and pray as they set out to learn more about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Loretta remembers feeling that the job God wanted them to do was to love them, not judge them.

“Starting in November of last year, we really started wrapping up a lot of the doubts we were experiencing,” said Loretta. “Things just started to make sense. It just clicked, like puzzle pieces fitting together.”

With this in mind, the ACLU of New Mexico, national ACLU, Equality New Mexico, NCLR and Freedom to Marry collaborated to create the Why Marriage Matters New Mexico campaign. The goal of the campaign is to better acquaint the New Mexico public with the LGBT families in their communities, and build broader support for the freedom to marry.

In just a few short months, our amazing campaign team has:

- Hosted dozens of messaging trainings, training hundreds of marriage spokespersons
- Spoken at 40 places of worship, signing up 130 faith leaders to publicly support the campaign
- Assembled an army of 4,000 marriage supporters and 800 volunteers statewide
- Placed high profile news stories and opinion pieces in major media outlets throughout New Mexico
- Helped assemble a coalition of more than 70 organizations in support of marriage

New Plaintiffs

As the campaign to win marriage equality in New Mexico gathered momentum, we met more and more amazing same-sex couples with long, beautiful relationships and compelling personal stories. Many helped by sharing their stories in the media, others pitched in by reaching out to their friends and family to ask them to support the freedom to marry, and a few others joined our lawsuit as plaintiffs.



With time, Mike and Loretta began to re-build their relationship with Rebecca, leading to a reunion with her this spring. Now, they see themselves as advocates for the LGBT community.

Part of their journey together has been to affirm that the love and commitment that Karen and Rebecca share with their partners should be recognized as marriages. In fact, both women are married in other states, but when they spend time in New Mexico, their marriages are not respected.

Mike and Loretta, high school sweethearts who have been married for 42 years, know why marriage matters.

“Forty-two years later, we still do not take each other for granted,” said Loretta. “Mike still surprises me every day. We talk on the phone several times a day.”

Mike added, “Marriage is about a lot of mutual respect and commitment. I see those exact things in Rebecca’s and Karen’s relationships: love, respect, communication. That’s what makes a marriage.”

Three new couples joined the marriage lawsuit as plaintiffs in early June, Monica Leaming and Cecilia Taulbee of Farmington, NM; Greg Gomez and A.D. Joplin of Farmington, NM, and Tanya Struble and Therese Councilor of Jemez Springs, NM.

DOMA Dies

On June 26, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down their ruling in two landmark LGBT rights cases, *Windsor v. United States* and *Perry v. Hollingsworth*, the legal challenge to California's Proposition 8. It was a big day. The Supreme Court struck down DOMA as unconstitutional and upheld the lower courts' ruling overturning Prop 8.

More history before our eyes. In these two cases, the highest court in the land found that discriminating against people because of who they love is unconstitutional. In one day, the freedom to marry was restored in the nation's most populous state and every married same-sex couple in the nation received full recognition in the eyes of the United States government.

A New Sense of Urgency

With the prohibition against federal recognition of same-sex marriages struck down, more than 1100 federal marriage rights and responsibilities became accessible to same-sex couples in America. The only obstacles between their families and equality were state laws that prohibited recognition of their relationships. Overnight, the stakes were raised for same-sex couples in New Mexico. The movement towards winning the freedom to marry took on a new sense of urgency.

Perhaps no couple felt this urgency more than Pojoaque couple Angelique Neuman and Jen Roper. They met their first semester of college at New Mexico Tech 21 years ago, fell in love almost immediately, and have been together ever since. Together they adopted three children from the New Mexico foster care system, the oldest of whom recently began basic training in the United States Army.

In December, 2012, doctors diagnosed Jen with stage 4 brain cancer and gave her 18 months to live.

Jen and Angelique have been married in their hearts for decades, but always hoped that someday their community would officially recognize their special love and commitment. Though they built a life together and have three children, in the eyes of the state they are strangers. Jen's diagnosis suddenly did not afford them the luxury of waiting years for the courts or legislature to act.

On August 21, Jen and Angelique joined the ACLU of New Mexico's case, and due to the urgency that Jen's illness imposed, they asked the court for an emergency order that would allow them to immediately marry in New Mexico. The onset of Jen's illness was sudden and aggressive, rendering her unable to travel to a state where marriage for same-sex couples is legal. Their only option was to marry here, and to marry now.

Tipping Point

Meanwhile, 300 miles to the South in Las Cruces, NM, the Dona Ana County Clerk made a big decision. On August 21, the same day Jen and Angelique filed for an emergency court order, Dona Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins announced that--since New Mexico law does not prohibit issuing same-sex couples marriage licenses--he would begin issuing licenses immediately.

Just a day after Ellins begin issuing licenses in Dona Ana County, a Santa Fe judge ruled in a separate case that the Santa Fe County Clerk must begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples or appear in court to explain why

she wouldn't. The clerk began issuing licenses at 2 PM the next afternoon.

Jen and Angelique happened to be in Santa Fe that day for a scheduled chemotherapy treatment at Christus St. Vincent Cancer Center. The Santa Fe County Clerk dispatched a deputy clerk and a judge to issue a license and perform the marriage ceremony then and there in the lobby of the cancer center. Caught up in the spirit, the hospital staff produced flowers, cake, and sparkling grape juice for the couple.

Three days after their impromptu cancer center nuptials, the ACLU of New Mexico appeared before state judge Alan Malott in the emergency hearing requested by Jen and Angelique. Malott ruled that denying loving, committed same-sex couples the freedom to marry violated the New Mexico Equal Rights Amendment and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the 14th Amendment. Effective immediately, the county clerks of Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties were ordered to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The day after this historic court decision, secular and religious officiants performed the first same-sex marriages in Bernalillo County on Albuquerque's Civic Plaza before news cameras and a cheering crowd of more than 200 well-wishers. As the couples said 'I do,' news broke that Valencia and San Miguel Counties would begin issuing licenses of their own accord. In the following days, separate court cases spurred Taos, Grant, and Los Alamos counties to begin issuing marriage licenses as well. In less than two weeks, nearly two thirds of New Mexicans lived in a county where the clerk issued licenses to same-sex couples.

On August 29th, the New Mexico Association of County Clerks intervened in the case, appealing to the New Mexico Supreme Court. Though the clerks did not all hold the same views on marriage for same-sex couples, they all recognized that a patchwork county-by-county approach to marriage was unsustainable and asked the Supreme Court to give clear guidance on the question.

The New Mexico Supreme Court immediately accepted the case. The ACLU of New Mexico and its legal partners will appear before the court on October 23 to argue that, under the New Mexico and United States Constitutions, loving, committed same-sex couples have the right to marry.

The Future

In just the first few hectic days, nearly 1,000 same-sex couples married in New Mexico. One thousand couples represent 1,000 families. A thousand families represent thousands of children, thousands of dreams, thousands of lives.

Moving forward, this is what is at stake. Grandparents, parents, and children--generations of New Mexican families depending on who we acknowledge as family in New Mexico. But we already know in our hearts what marriage and family are. Marriage and family are about love and commitment. It's about having each other's back; they're about supporting each other through the good times and the bad.

That's what's at stake next month when the New Mexico Supreme Court rules on our case. As wild a ride as we've had over the past six months, in a few short weeks we may see a court decision that will guarantee that every couple in every county across New Mexico can celebrate their love and commitment through marriage.

We're hoping to make more history in October, and we hope you'll be standing there with us when it happens.



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2013 ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, Oct. 5
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

Live online broadcast via our
web site, aclu-nm.org

Members are also invited to
attend in person at:

1410 Coal Ave SW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Executive Director Peter
Simonson will discuss the
ACLU-NM's successes and
strategic priorities during
the last year and into the
future. The meeting will
precede the bimonthly meet-
ing of the ACLU-NM Board of
Directors, which is open to
members. The board meet-
ing will not be broadcast.

For questions contact
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NEW ACLU-NM Staff

Jesse Hale, *Staff Attorney*



Jesse Hale joined the ACLU of New Mexico as a staff attorney in August, 2013 after graduating from the University of New Mexico School of Law that spring. In law school, he was involved with the student chapter of the ACLU-NM and the Association of Public Interest Law, where he served as Co-President. Jesse also worked with a legal team, on behalf of a death row inmate, in preparing a petition to the Supreme Court of the United States. A native of Albuquerque, Jesse earned his undergraduate degree in history from the University of New Mexico. After graduating, Jesse worked in the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C. and on a 2008 Senate campaign.

Jesse has long been committed to a career in civil rights, and went to law school hoping to one day work for the ACLU. When he's not working or spending time with his family, Jesse is usually watching or playing soccer. Jesse lives in Albuquerque with his wife and son.

Ernest Rodriguez-Naaz, *Director of Philanthropy*



Ernest serves as Director of Philanthropy and joined the ACLU of New Mexico in July, 2013. In that capacity he spearheads the organization's critical fundraising efforts across the state to build a robust, sustainable and expansive major gifts program. He works collaboratively to build strategic partnerships with key supporters and strategic partners to seek funding opportunities.

Before joining the ACLU of New Mexico, he spent six years at the University of New Mexico and UNM Foundation as Senior Development Officer. He is a graduate of the City University of New York's Baruch College with a BBA in Public Administration and an MPA in Finance and Advanced Management from Columbia University.

Ernest lives in Albuquerque with his two sons, Zachary and Lucas.

Caroline Iosso, *Project Coordinator*



Caroline Iosso serves as the Project Coordinator for the Regional Center for Border Rights, working on outreach and giving Know Your Rights presentations. She joined the RCBR in August 2013 through the Border Servant Corps volunteer program. Caroline graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. in Geography and Latin American/Latin Studies. She spent a semester in La Paz, Bolivia, examining relationships among revolution, racism, and neoliberalism. Caroline then won a Burnam Fellowship for the summer of 2011 to continue her study in the Andes in Cusco, Peru, leading educational seminars in a homeless shelter and teaching English. It was an influential study trip to the U.S./Mexico border that drew her away from pursuing international humanitarian work outside the U.S. and instead towards such work within it. Upon graduating, she worked as a housing advocate in a rural homeless shelter in southern Colorado and, after a year of witnessing the struggles of migrant workers, is excited to now be working even closer to the border. Caroline enjoys hiking, baking, and exploring new places.

With a Single Sentence, You Can Defend Freedom Now and Forever

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