

Meet Caroline Emmitt, Intake Coordinator

With an advanced degree in social work, Caroline Emmitt is ready to assist Utahns who seek help from the ACLU of Utah

Caroline Emmitt joined the ACLU of Utah as the affiliate's 16th staff member and new Intake Coordinator in August 2020. She is returning to Utah after earning a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University and working for several NYC-based nonprofit agencies, including a stint doing community organizing at The Legal Aid Society.

Caroline explains that she decided to pursue an advanced degree in social work because she has a passion for helping people and fighting for social justice. Role models she admires include Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and Angela Davis. But the people who have been most influential to her have been the mentors she has worked alongside as an organizer in New

York City and as a staff member at a small rural health clinic in Missouri, where she also earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree at the University of Missouri. "I watched my colleagues show up for their communities every day with passion, conviction, and energy. They taught me to look at difficult issues and think, 'I can do something about this.'"

Caroline is glad to be back in her native Utah and working at a nonprofit whose mission is aligned with her own personal aspirations.



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"Utah often makes national headlines for its glaring gender equity issues, staggering rates of LGBTQ+ discrimination, and disparities in reproductive healthcare and pay-equity," she explained. "There is so much work to be done to create compassionate and competent policy solutions." Because the ACLU of Utah can't personally assist everyone who contacts us seeking help, we appreciate how Caroline's social work training and diverse experience at service-oriented nonprofits will enable our team do more to help those in need.