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DePaul University
Asylum & Immigration Clinic

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As the Director of Inclusive Democracy Programs at the Four Freedoms Fund and Four Freedoms Action Fund, Rebecca is working to strengthen the civic engagement capacity of state and local immigrant justice organizations, grow the immigrant vote, and accelerate the growing independent political power of the immigrant justice movement to advance inclusive and equitable solutions for immigrants and their communities.

Prior to joining NEO Philanthropy, Rebecca founded and managed her own consulting firm, Star Immigration Strategies, working at the intersection of immigration policy advocacy, philanthropy and democracy. Previously, Rebecca managed the Immigrant Rights Portfolio at Open Society Foundations and co-led a special initiative to strengthen national immigration legalization infrastructure. During the Obama Administration she served as Chief of Staff for the Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and as Chief of the Office of Citizenship. During her tenure as Chief of Staff, USCIS successfully implemented high profile initiatives such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Entrepreneurs in Residence, and the provisional waiver process. Prior to joining USCIS, Rebecca worked extensively for U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell. A licensed attorney in Illinois, Rebecca was awarded the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) grant. She earned a JD and Public Interest Law Certificate from the DePaul University College of law. Rebecca began her career as a grassroots organizer during the 2000 presidential election campaign, and between political work and law school taught English and circus skills in Honduras.

“My interest in immigration was sparked by a year I spent in Honduras, where I understood more deeply the history of U.S. involvement in Central America and developed deep relationships with families affected by the broken U.S. immigration system. I’m excited to work for the Four Freedoms Action Fund to support the exceptional immigrant and refugee field as it works to achieve a more just and equitable nation.”

*Clinic Participation:
2007-2008*

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2008*