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Caroline Ross received her B.A. with Honors from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study. Integrating an academic program in American politics, Education, Economics, and Community Organizing, Caroline's self-designed course of study employed a university-based research-intensive curriculum coupled with field work at Rikers Island to critically examine the synergy and tension between schools, correctional facilities and the urban economy in post-Civil Rights America. She is particularly interested in the policies and conditions that move young people from school halls to behind jail walls and she works to establish youth of color as a political identity and a viable constituency for achieving social change.

Caroline has over six years experience organizing youth in Washington, DC, Boston, Holyoke, MA, New York and South Africa. She is now the Co-Founder and Program Director of The Malcolm X Debate Program at Rikers Island, a policy debate program for incarcerated high school students. She has been recognized as a StartingBloc fellow and is the recipient of the NYU Alumnae Club Key Pin Award for scholarship and service. Her work has been featured by the NYU Department of Education Service in Schools Initiative and genpop.org.

She is currently pursuing her M.P.A. from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.