

## NIWAP Staff Biographies

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**Leslye E. Orloff** – *Director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) and Adjunct Professor at American University Washington College of Law*

Ms. Orloff is an Adjunct Professor and Director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) at American University Washington College of Law. Ms. Orloff's 34-year career includes working collaboratively with experts across the country to develop and implement immigration relief, public benefits access and family law protections for immigrant women, children and survivors. She was involved in drafting the Protection for Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women of the Violence Against Women Acts of 1994, 2000, 2005, and 2013, the Trafficking Victims Protection Acts of 2000 and 2008, legal services access for battered immigrants in 1997 and 2005 and welfare access for battered immigrants in 1996. She is a co-founder and co-chair of the National Network to End Violence Against immigrant Women (1992-2011).



**Genesis Marte** – *Grant Implementation Coordinator, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP), Washington, DC.*

Ms. Marte is the Grant Implementation Coordinator for the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project. She is a recent graduate of American University with a degree in Law and Society. She has been a dedicated member of the NIWAP team for four years, as an undergraduate intern and now as Grant Implementation Coordinator. In her role she ensures the organization and delivery of NIWAP's individual grant goals. She is an active volunteer in the DC and Maryland area, as a tutor for Life Pieces to Masterpieces, an afterschool program in Ward 9. She hopes to focus her career on the welfare of women and children within the United States and Caribbean. Ms. Marte is former Clerical Assistant at Mayer Brown in

Washington, D.C.



**Rocio Molina** – *Deputy Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) at American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C.*

Ms. Molina is the Deputy Director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project. As an immigration attorney, she has served immigrant survivors seeking immigration relief for over ten years. At NIWAP she leads the Family Law for Immigrant Survivors Community of Practice and Law Enforcement Roundtables and training on Language Access and U Visa. She is a Former Attorney at the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and a founding board member of the Community Immigration Law Center (CILC), a free walk-in clinic in Madison, Wisconsin. She is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar and graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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Ms. Rodrigues is the Immigrant Women Law and Policy Fellow at National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project at American University Washington College of Law. Ms. Rodrigues is an SJD candidate at American University Washington College of Law and holds an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) with specialization on Gender & Law and International Human Rights. She is a Former Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Labor and Welfare, Brazil.



**Daniela Rocha** – *Staff Assistant, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP)*

Daniela Rocha is a recent graduate from American University's School of International Service with a BA in International Studies and Spanish Studies. She has been with the NIWAP Team for two years, originally joining as an Undergraduate Intern in the Spring of 2019 and now as a Staff Assistant. Along with providing administrative support, her main responsibility is to facilitate all operations for The National Judicial Network including managing registration, outreach, and Slack, among other tasks. She is passionate about women's health issues within the Latinx community and hopes to continue advocating for domestic violence/sexual assault survivors and the immigrant community throughout her post-graduate career.