

Mauricio Castro is a native of El Salvador, Central America and came to the USA in 1980 after the 12th year civil war erupted there. He was an active member of the archdiocese of El Salvador through the catholic social ministries, working in the areas of social justice and human rights. He continued his involvement with the solidarity movement as an organizer for social justice while attending Law School at the National University of El Salvador. His involvement and knowledge of social issues have given him the opportunity to understand the struggle that communities face in the USA. Since 1980, he has been working in collaboration with other individuals in the area of organizing and creating community base centers that can provide an outlet to the concerns the Latino Community encounter in a new culture. He has served as Co-Founder of El Centro Latino in Orange Co., Board of Director of El Centro Hispano in Durham, and Board of Director of the Triangle United Way Orange Co. Currently he works for the NC Latino Coalition based in Durham as a community organizer.

Irene Godínez is a native North Carolinian of proud Mexican heritage. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from NCSU. She simultaneously began her first employment at the NC Office of the Governor in the Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs while pursuing her Master of International Studies at NCSU, which she completed in 2006. Irene held various positions at El Pueblo, Inc. a statewide Latino Advocacy and Public Policy organization, including the Public Safety program and ultimately as the Director of the Advocacy program and Lobbyist. Currently, she works for the Reform Immigration FOR America national campaign as the NC District Director. The goal of the campaign is to realize comprehensive immigration reform this year. Irene is passionate about youth issues, higher education, public policy and studying the impact of globalization in Latin American countries.

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Kate Woomer-Deters is the director of the Eastern Carolina Immigrants' Rights Project in North Carolina Justice Center. Kate joined the Justice Center in 2007. At the Justice Center, she litigates employment, consumer, and housing cases on behalf of low-income immigrants in North Carolina. Previously, she was an attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina-Farm Worker Unit, where she litigated wage and hour cases, Agricultural Worker Protection Act, human trafficking cases, and practiced immigration law. Kate was a 2005 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. During law school, she represented immigrant workers with wage claims in Texas, filed claims for asylum-seekers in Minnesota, and helped to found the Workers' Rights Clinic at the University of Minnesota Law School.