

Sony Racquel Rodriguez Heath

Education

M. S. E., Higher Education Administration – University of Kansas, Lawrence	<i>May 2010</i>
B. A., English – University of Kansas, Lawrence	<i>August 2006</i>
B. S. J., Journalism, Strategic Communications – University of Kansas, Lawrence	<i>August 2006</i>

Experience

Senior Coordinator of Advising *September 2013 - present*

School of Education Advising Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence

- Provide academic guidance to prospective, current, international, and non-traditional students
- Update and maintain student files and academic records using Microsoft Office programs and University supported technology
- Navigate online advising tools and assist students in online enrollment
- Teach an annual first-year orientation seminar comprised of 15-19 students
- Facilitate academic conduct meetings for students on probation/dismissal
- Provide referrals to appropriate academic, emotional, and extra-curricular resources
- Assist students in the development of 4-year academic plans and financial aid appeals
- Lead and coordinate efforts to advise incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Orientation sessions
- Present academic information to parents and guests during New Student Orientation
- Hire, train, supervise, and evaluate one half-time graduate student and two half-time undergraduate students
- Support School of Education initiatives including the annual academic welcome, student organization events, and convocation
- Recruit prospective students by attending events hosted by the Office of Admissions including Crimson & Blue Days, Junior Scholar Days, Destination KU, and the Chancellor's Top Scholar reception
- Collaborate with the School of Education Communications Coordinator to design and edit online and printed promotional materials used in social media and websites

Assistant Director

January 2011 – September 2013

Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity, University of Kansas, Lawrence

- Responsible for the Sexual Violence Prevention & Education Services on the Lawrence campus
- Created and provided educational programming and presentations to students within Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, KU Athletics, PRE 101, Student Housing, and other academic disciplines
- Advised two student organizations, KU Insight and Sigma Iota Alpha
- Taught a first-year orientation seminar comprised of 15-19 students
- Provided referrals to appropriate emotional, academic, and extracurricular resources as needed
- Planned and executed a Sexual Assault Awareness Week, with multiple programs dedicated to preventing sexual violence on the KU campus and the surrounding community
- Created a Speak On It Series, providing students a weekly outlet for open, honest dialogue
- Hired, trained, supervised, and evaluated one half-time graduate student and one half-time undergraduate student
- Assisted in Play It Safe presentations during New Student Orientation
- Served on a committee to evaluate and redesign the core competencies for the Higher Education Administration Master's Degree Program within the School of Education
- Helped revise KU's policy regarding sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Compiled and organized statistical information for the assessment of department programs

Graduate Assistant Advisor

May 2008 – August 2010

University Advising Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence

- Provided academic guidance to current, international, and non-traditional students
- Navigated online advising tools and assisted students with online enrollment
- Created online degree requirement bookmarks for office-wide use
- Advised incoming freshmen during summer New Student Orientation sessions

Outreach Coordinator

January 2007 – February 2008

The Willow Domestic Violence Center, Lawrence, KS

- Coordinated and provided community awareness activities for the service area
- Trained medical professionals, court officers, school personnel, law enforcement, and clergy
- Updated and distributed WTCS brochures
- Assisted in the development and maintenance of an agency website
- Assisted in recruitment of volunteers
- Maintained the speaking engagement notebook for WTCS and updated statistics on domestic violence
- Assisted in developing internal resources, policies and procedures for the organization

Resident Assistant, Senior Staff Resident Assistant and Desk Assistant *August 2002 – July 2006*

Department of Student Housing, University of Kansas, Lawrence

- Assessed and responded to the financial, educational and emotional needs of 80 college students
- Designed, planned and implemented informative, educational and social programs
- Created multi-faceted advertisements and bulletin boards
- Responded to and advised during emergency and crisis situations
- Trained incoming resident assistants in all aspects of employment
- Managed administrative duties including incident reports
- Advised 8 student government and judicial board members
- Cooperated with a staff team of 33

Honors and Activities

Student Conduct Hearing Board – KU Student Affairs	<i>2013 - present</i>
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Faculty Staff Council member	<i>2016 – present</i>
KU Advising Network’s Cultural Competency Committee	<i>2015 - present</i>
NACADA National Conference Co-Presenter	<i>Fall 2017</i>
- Interrogating the ‘I’ in Advisor: Implementing Inclusive Practices	
Title IX Advisory Council member	<i>2011 - 2013</i>
KU Athletics Diversity Subcommittee member	<i>2011 - 2016</i>
NACADA Regional/National Conferences	<i>2009, 2010, 2014 - 2017</i>
University of Kansas Queers & Allies Executive Officer, Student Senator	<i>Fall 2009 – Spring 2010</i>
University of Kansas Women’s Rowing Team, NCAA Affiliated	<i>Fall 2004 – Fall 2005</i>
National Residence Hall Honorary member	<i>Spring 2002 – Summer 2006</i>
Outstanding Women Students in Residence Halls Award Winner	<i>2004</i>
Resident Assistant of the Year, University of Kansas	<i>2003</i>

Trained Facilitation Experience

KU’s Bringing in the Bystander and Consent 101 presentations
KU’s Safe Zone training
KU’s Orientation Assistant, Peer Advisor, Hawk Link Guide Social Justice Retreat
LeaderShape Cluster Leader
Colors of KU retreat
KU’s Identity Symposium