

Chris Ruckdaschel

NCAA Associate Director of Inclusion

Chris Ruckdaschel joined the NCAA in 2006, with the scope of his work involving education and programming on various dimensions of diversity, including minority, gender, and disability issues. His areas of focus include fostering collaborations with affiliate groups, engaging presidents and chancellors in diversity and inclusion issues, and policy development.



Before joining the NCAA, Ruckdaschel served as an equal employment opportunity specialist at The University of Iowa. In this role, he served the university community by advising campus departments on recruitment strategies and hiring activities. He was a member of the development team that established The University of Iowa Recruitment Ambassador Program, created to enhance recruitment efforts of diverse candidates. Prior to arriving at the The University of Iowa, Ruckdaschel spent nine years in human resources with Systems Unlimited, Inc., a private organization in Iowa City, IA.

Ruckdaschel earned a degree in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa and an MBA from Anderson University. He and his wife Lina reside in Indianapolis.