Emmanuel Rodriguez serves as Assistant Director of Bands, Associate Director of Marching and Athletic Bands at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, where he works primarily with the “Pride of Minnesota” Marching Band, the “Gopher Groove” Pep Band, and conducts the University Band. Rodriguez previously served on the music faculty at Indiana State University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Rodriguez has earned degrees from Louisiana State University, the University of Central Florida, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. As a native of South Florida, Rodriguez was fortunate to have taught in schools that served his hometown and community. Most recently, Rodriguez served as the Director of Bands at Miramar High School, where he reanimated the historic program by quadrupling student enrollment and achieving consistently high ratings in district and state evaluations. Prior to that appointment, Rodriguez served as the Associate Director of Bands at Blanche Ely High School, his alma mater.

In the areas of inclusion and advocacy, Rodriguez created the LSU Inclusive Repertoire Initiative in conjunction with the LSU Bands faculty — an initiative in its sixth-year that serves to support, encourage, and promote music and composers from historically marginalized communities. Additionally, Rodriguez served as a co-founder of the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Legislative Advocacy Day — an event in which pre-service and in-service music educators from across Florida gather at the State Capitol in Tallahassee to meet with representatives to discuss legislative points concerning music education. Modeled after the NAfME Capitol Hill Day, this event was the first of its kind by any state and recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

Beyond the classroom, Rodriguez is active as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician for numerous festivals and camps and has presented at national, state, and regional conferences. Rodriguez recently participated as a Reynold’s Conducting Institute Fellow during the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and was previously awarded the Mike Moss Diversity Grant by the College Band Directors National Association.

Rodriguez holds memberships in the College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Pi Kappa Lambda. In his free time, Rodriguez enjoys cooking, being in nature, and spending time with his family, friends, and puppy.