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### EDUCATION:

New York University, Ph.D., Sociology, 2006.

Mount Holyoke College, B.A., Psychology, *summa cum laude*, 2000.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and (by courtesy) Curry School of Education,  
University of Virginia, 2006-present.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, Curry School of Education,  
University of Virginia, 2006-present.

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### Refereed Journal Articles:

Roksa, Josipa. 2010 [forthcoming]. "Bachelor's Degree Completion across State Contexts: Does the Distribution of Enrollments Make a Difference?" *Research in Higher Education*, vol.51.

Roksa, Josipa, and Juan Carlos Calcagno. 2010 [forthcoming]. "Catching Up in Community Colleges: Academic Preparation and Transfer to Four-Year Institutions." *Teachers College Record*, vol. 112.

Roksa, Josipa. 2009 [in press]. "Building Bridges for Student Success: Are Higher Education Articulation Policies Effective?" *Teachers College Record*, vol. 111.

Roksa, Josipa, and Melissa Velez. 2009 [in press]. "When Studying Schooling is Not Enough: Incorporating Employment in Models of Educational Transitions." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, special issue on new developments in education transitions research.

Roksa, Josipa, and Bruce Keith. 2008. "Credits, Time, and Attainment: Articulation Policies and Success after Transfer." *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 30:236-254.

Roksa, Josipa. 2008. "Structuring Access to Higher Education: The Role of Differentiation and Privatization." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 26:57-75.

Arum, Richard, Josipa Roksa, and Michelle Budig. 2008. "The Romance of College Attendance: Higher Education Stratification and Mate Selection." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 26:107-121.

Guthrie, Doug, Richard Arum, Josipa Roksa, and Sarah Damaske. 2008. "Giving to Local Schools: Corporate Philanthropy, Tax Incentives, and the Ecology of Need." *Social Science Research* 37:856-873.

- Roksa, Josipa. 2006. "Does Vocational Focus of Community Colleges Hinder Students' Educational Attainment?" *The Review of Higher Education* 29:499-526.
- Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Double Disadvantage or Blessing in Disguise? Understanding the Relationship Between College Major and Employment Sector." *Sociology of Education* 78:207-232.
- Deutsch, Francine M., Josipa Roksa, and Cindy L. Meeske. 2003. "How Gender Counts When Couples Count Their Money." *Sex Roles* 48:291-304.

### **Book Chapters, Reports & Other Publications:**

- Roksa, Josipa, Davis Jenkins, Shanna Jaggars, Matthew Zeidenberg, and Sung-Woo Cho. 2009. *Policies for Promoting Gatekeeper Course Success for Students Needing Developmental Education in Virginia's Community Colleges*. New York: Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Richard, Arum, and Josipa Roksa, with Melissa Velez. 2008. *Learning to Reason and Communicate in College: Initial Report of Findings from the CLA Longitudinal Study*. New York: Social Science Research Council.
- Goldrick-Rab, Sara, and Josipa Roksa. 2008. *A Federal Agenda for Promoting Student Success and Degree Completion*. Washington D.C.: Center for American Progress.  
[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/08/degree\\_completion.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/08/degree_completion.html)
- Roksa, Josipa, and Juan Carlos Calcagno. 2008. *Making the Transition to Four-Year Institutions: Academic Preparation and Transfer*. Community College Research Center (CCRC) Working Paper No. 13. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Roksa, Josipa, Eric Grodsky, Richard Arum, and Adam Gamoran. 2007. "Changes in Higher Education and Social Stratification in the United States." In *Stratification in Higher Education: A Comparative Study*, edited by Y. Shavit, R. Arum, and A. Gamoran. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, pp. 165-191.
- Roksa, Josipa. 2007. *Building Bridges for Student Success: Are Transfer Policies Effective?* Report for the Transitions to College Program, Social Science Research Council.
- Roksa, Josipa, Eric Grodsky, and Willard Hom. 2006. *The Role of Community Colleges in Promoting Student Diversity in California*. Report for the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity, University of California Berkeley.
- Roksa, Josipa. 2006. "Review of Stephen Morgan's *On the Edge of Commitment: Educational Attainment and Race in the United States*." *Contemporary Sociology* 35: 368-369.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION:**

- Roksa, Josipa. "Work, Marriage, and Parenthood: Life Course Transitions and Inequality in Higher Education."
- Roksa, Josipa, and Melissa Velez. "A Late Start: Life Course Transitions and Delayed Entry into Higher Education."
- Roksa, Josipa. "Differentiation and Work: Employment Patterns and Class Inequality at Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions."

Roksa, Josipa, and Tania Levey. "What Can You Do with That Degree? Tradeoffs between Strong and Weak Ties to the Labor Market."

Keith, Bruce, and Josipa Roksa. "States and the Institutionalization of Articulation Processes in American Higher Education."

Roksa, Josipa, Eric Grodsky, and Willard Hom. "The Role of Community Colleges in Promoting Student Diversity in California." In *Equal Opportunity in Higher Education: The Past and Future of Proposition 209*, edited by E. Grodsky and M. Kurlaender.

Roksa, Josipa. "Accumulating Capital at Work: Social Class, Work during College, and Educational Success."

Beattie, Irene R., Richard Arum, and Josipa Roksa. "Legal Ambiguity and Case Decisions: Individual Rights and Zero Tolerance School Discipline in U.S. Courts."

### **RESEARCH GRANTS:**

The Spencer Foundation. "Social Class at Work: How Family Background Shapes the Patterns and Consequences of College Employment" (9/2008-8/2009).

Ford Foundation and Lumina Foundation for Education. "Learning in Higher Education: Are Disadvantaged Students Catching Up or Falling Further Behind?" SSRC-Pathways to College Network Project with Richard Arum and in partnership with Roger Benjamin (8/2006-2/2009).

Social Science Research Council, Transitions to College Postdoctoral Fellowship (6/2006-1/2007).

The Spencer Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education (6/2005-5/2006).

Association for Institutional Research/National Center for Education Statistics/National Science Foundation grant program: *Improving Institutional Research in Postsecondary Educational Institutions* (6/2004-9/2005).

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (4/2004-3/2005).

### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT:**

Sesquicentennial Fellowship, University of Virginia (2009-2010).

University Teaching Fellow, University of Virginia (2008-2009).

Excellence in Diversity Fellow, University of Virginia (2006-2007).

Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia (2007; 2008).

Research Support in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Virginia (2007).

Honorable Mention, David Lee Stevenson Graduate Student Paper Award, Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association (2006).

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University (2005-2006).

Cameron Fincher Fellow, Association for Institutional Research (2004).

Kerckhoff Memorial Award, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association (2004).

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University (2000-2004).

*Inducted Membership:* Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, Phi Beta Kappa,  
Psi Chi National Honor Society

**RECENT PRESENTATIONS:** (\*invited presentations)

Richard, Arum, and Josipa Roksa. 2009. "Learning at a Disadvantage: Cognitive Growth of College Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds." *American Educational Research Association*, San Diego (April).

\*Richard, Arum, and Josipa Roksa, with Melissa Velez. 2008. "Learning to Reason and Communicate in College: Report of Initial Findings from the CLA Longitudinal Project." *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)*, Phoenix (November).

Roksa, Josipa, and Melissa Velez. 2008. "When Studying Schooling is Not Enough: Incorporating Employment in Models of Educational Transitions." *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)*, *International Sociological Association*, Florence, Italy (May).

Roksa, Josipa, Richard Arum, and Melissa Velez. 2008. "On the Boundary between School and Work: Does Employment Hinder Cognitive Growth in Higher Education?" *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)*, *International Sociological Association*, Florence, Italy (May).

\*Arum, Richard, Josipa Roksa, Melissa Velez, and Kim Pereira. 2008. "Factors Affecting Cognitive Development of Disadvantaged Students in Higher Education." Department of Applied Psychology, New York University (April).

\*Goldrick-Rab, Sara, and Josipa Roksa. 2008 "Promoting Student Success and Degree Completion." *Toward Universal Higher Education: The Role of Public Policy*, Center for American Progress, Washington D.C. (March).

Roksa, Josipa, and Juan Carlos Calcagno. 2008. "Catching Up or Cooling Out? Academic Preparation and Transfer to Four-Year Institutions." *American Educational Research Association*, New York (March).

Roksa, Josipa, and Bruce Keith. 2008. "Credits, Time, and Attainment: Articulation Policies and Success after Transfer." *American Educational Research Association*, New York (March).

Keith, Bruce, and Josipa Roksa. 2008. "Toward a Conceptual Definition of Articulation in American Higher Education." *American Educational Research Association*, New York (March).

\*Roksa, Josipa, Richard Arum, and Melissa Velez. 2008. "Employment, Engagement, and Learning: Examining Inequality in Cognitive Growth on College Campuses." Risk and Prevention Series, Curry School of Education, University of Virginia (February).

- Roksa, Josipa. 2007. "Connecting Students to Occupations: Examining the Relationship between College Majors and the Labor Market." *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), International Sociological Association*, Montreal (August).
- Roksa, Josipa, and Mitchell Stevens. 2007. "Diversity in Organizational Admissions: Explaining the Success of Affirmative Action in U.S. Higher Education." *American Sociological Association*, New York (August).
- \*Arum, Richard, Josipa Roksa, and Michelle J. Budig. 2007. "The Romance of College Attendance: Higher Education Stratification and Mate Selection." Inaugural Conference of the *Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course*, Yale University (May).
- Roksa, Josipa, Eric Grodsky, and Willard Hom. 2007. "The Role of Community Colleges in Promoting Student Diversity in California." *American Educational Research Association*, Chicago (April).
- \*Roksa, Josipa. 2006. "Building Bridges for Student Success: Are Transfer Policies Effective?" *WISCAPE Forum*, University of Wisconsin, Madison (November). A related version presented at the Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Virginia (April 2007).
- \*Roksa, Josipa. 2006. "Making the Transition: What Factors Facilitate Transfer from Community Colleges to Four-Year Institutions?" *NPEC Symposium*, Washington, D.C. (November).
- \*Roksa, Josipa, Eric Grodsky, and Willard Hom. 2006. "The Role of Community Colleges in Promoting Student Diversity in California." *Higher Education, Diversity, and Access*, University of California, Berkeley (October).
- Goldrick-Rab, Sara, and Josipa Roksa. 2006. "Contemporary Growth and Inequality in the Community College Sector." *American Educational Research Association*, San Francisco (April).
- \*Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Diversion Effects of Community Colleges: Socioeconomic Background or Test Scores?" *Society of Economics and Education*, Teachers College, Columbia University (November).
- Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Structuring Access to Higher Education: The Role of Differentiation and Privatization." *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), International Sociological Association*, Los Angeles (August).
- Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Educational Institutions and Organizational Environments: Student Outcomes in Context." *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia (August).
- Guthrie, Doug, Richard Arum, Josipa Roksa, and Sarah Damaske. 2005. "Giving to Local Schools: Corporate Philanthropy and the Receding Welfare State." *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia (August).
- Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Educational Attainment of Community College Students: Examining Combined Effects of State, School, and Student Characteristics." *Association for Institutional Research*, San Diego (May).
- Roksa, Josipa. 2005. "Structuring Opportunities within States: Unpacking Stratification in Higher Education." *Eastern Sociological Society*, Washington, D.C. (March).

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education* (2009-2012).

David Stevenson Outstanding Graduate Paper Award Selection Committee, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association (2009).

Committee on Nominations, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association (2008-2009).

Advisory Committee, RC28 Annual Meeting, Montreal (2007).

Committee on the Status of Women, Southern Sociological Society (2006-2009).

Assistant Editor, *Sociological Forum* (2002-2004).

Conference Coordinator, New York University. Coordinating the meeting of the *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association* "Education and Social Inequality" (2003).

**Reviewer**

Grant Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation (CAREER Grant).

Book Proposal/Manuscript Reviewer: Princeton University Press, Routledge.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *Sociology of Education*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Rationality and Society*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Teachers College Record*.

**UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE:**

Harrison Award Committee, Center for Undergraduate Excellence, University of Virginia (2009).

Undergraduate Writing Assessment Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia (2008-2009).

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia (2008-2009).

Undergraduate Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia (2008-2009).

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia (2007-2008).

IES Fellowship Committee, Curry School of Education, University of Virginia (2007, 2008).

Graduate Studies and Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia (2006-2007).

Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia (Fall 2006).

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Training, Department of Sociology, New York University (2002-2004).

Center for Advanced Social Science Research Committee, Department of Sociology, New York University (2002-2003).

Conference Committee, Department of Sociology, New York University (2000-2001).

## **COURSES TAUGHT:**

**University of Virginia**, Department of Sociology

*Graduate*

Social Stratification  
Intermediate Statistics  
Research Design and Methods

*Undergraduate*

Introduction to Social Statistics  
Schools and Society  
American Public Education: Successes and Challenges  
    o Interdisciplinary course co-taught with a colleague from the Curry School of Education

**New York University**, Steinhardt School of Education  
Statistics II

## **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS:**

Dissertation chair:

Daniel Potter [in progress]

Dissertation committee member:

Laura M. Holian, 2007 (chair: Paul Kingston)  
Holly Lord, 2008 (chair: Thomas Guterbock)  
Gayle D'Andrea, 2009 (chair: Paul Kingston)  
Herbert Bruce, 2009 (chair: Sarah Turner)  
Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl [in progress] (chair: Milton Vickerman)  
Barbara Schmertz [in progress] (chair: Heather Wathington)

Master's thesis chair:

Matthew Jones, 2008

Master's thesis committee member:

Daniel Potter, 2007 (chair: Steven Nock)  
Dave Morris, 2008 (chair: Paul Kingston)  
Michael Wayne, 2009 (chair: Elizabeth Gorman)

Distinguished Majors Program:

Amanda Adams, project advisor (2008-2009)  
Heather Clark, project advisor (2008-2009)  
Elizabeth Beyland, reader (2007-2008)

Reader for students in other departments:

Caroline Harriott, Computer Science (2008-2009)

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

American Sociological Association (Sections: Sociology of Education;  
Organizations, Occupations and Work; Race, Class and Gender), 1999-present.  
RC28 (Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological  
Association), 2001-present.  
Association for the Study of Higher Education, 2003-present.  
Southern Sociological Society, 2006-present.  
American Educational Research Association, 2006-present.