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EDUCATION

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

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, 2022-present.

Senior Advisor to the Provost and Director of Strategic Academic Programs, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, 2020-2022.

Professor of Sociology and Education (College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and School of Education and Human Development, joint), 2017-present.

Senior Advisor for Academic Programs, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, 2017-2020.

Associate Professor of Sociology and Education (College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and School of Education and Human Development, joint), 2012-2017.

Special Advisor to the Provost, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, 2012-2016.

Associate Director, Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (CASTL-HE), 2012-2015.

Assistant Professor of Sociology (College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, with a courtesy appointment in the School of Education and Human Development), 2006-2012.

PUBLICATIONS

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- *Roksa, Josipa. 2019. "Facilitating Success of Low-Income Students: The Role of Family Support." Institute for Higher Education, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (February).
- *Roksa, Josipa. 2018. "Opportunity Hoarding and Unequal Access to the American Dream." *State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)*, Denver, CO (August).
- Roksa, Josipa, and Peter Kinsley. 2018. "The Role of Family Support in Facilitating Academic Success of Low-Income Students." *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA (August).
- Roksa, Josipa, and Candace Miller. 2018. "Flexibility and Exploration as Cultural Capital: Occupational Pathways after the Ph.D." *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA (August).
- Roksa, Josipa, Sarah Whitley, Annie Wofford, and David Feldon. 2018. "Relationships with Peers and Advisors: Comparison of First-Generation and Continuing-Generation Students' Experiences." *American Educational Research Association*, New York, NY (April).
- Maher, Michelle, Annie Wofford, David Feldon, and Josipa Roksa. 2018. "Making a Match: Doctoral Students' Experiences with Laboratory Rotations and Permanent Advisor Selection Processes." *American Educational Research Association*, New York, NY (April).
- Roksa, Josipa, Soojeong Jeong, David Feldon, and Michelle Maher. 2017. "Revisiting the 'Model Minority' Stereotype: API Students' Socialization Experiences and Research Productivity." *Association for the Study of Higher Education*, Houston, TX (November).
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- Maher, Michelle, Josipa Roksa, and Stacy Custer. 2017. "Exploring Underrepresented Minority Students' Paths to the Biomedical Science Ph.D." *American Educational Research Association*, San Antonio, TX (April).
- Wofford, Annie, Michelle Maher, Josipa Roksa, and David Feldon. 2017. "The Early Emergence of Doctoral Student Attrition: Perspectives on Early Departure in the Biomedical Sciences." *American Educational Research Association*, San Antonio, TX (April).
- Feldon, David, Soojeong Jeong, Josipa Roksa, and James Peugh. 2017. "What I Did on Summer Vacation: Limited Impacts of Bootcamps and Summer Bridge Activities." *American Educational Research Association*, San Antonio, TX (April).

- Roksa, Josipa and Sarah Whitley. 2016. "When "Just Work Harder" Is Not Enough: Exploring Low Income and First Generation Student Challenges and Engaging Parents in Facilitating Success." *Virginia College Access Network*, Portsmouth, VA (November).
- Roksa, Josipa, Denise Deutschlander, and Sarah E. Whitley. 2016. "The Role of Parents in Facilitating Belonging and Institutional Commitment for First-Generation and Low-Income Students." *Association for the Study of Higher Education*, Columbus, OH (November).
- Kinsley, Peter, Josipa Roksa, and Sara Goldrick-Rab. 2016. "Rationing Scarce Resources: The Impact of Financial Constraints on Undergraduate Engagement." *Association for the Study of Higher Education*, Columbus, OH (November).
- *Roksa, Josipa. 2016. "Limited Learning: Patterns, Consequences, and Remedies." *Teagle Foundation C-4 Consortium Meeting*, Winchester, VA.
- Roksa, Josipa. 2016. "Ready for College? Preparing Students for College Access and Success." Invited panel entitled "Convergence: U.S. Education Policy Fifty Years After the ESEA and the HEA." *American Educational Research Association*, Washington, DC (April).
Convergence Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (October).
- Roksa, Josipa, and Blake Silver. 2016. "Social Inequality at the End of College: The Importance of Cultural Resources and Narratives." *American Educational Research Association*, Washington, DC (April).
- Feldon, David, James Peugh, Michelle A. Maher, Josipa Roksa, and Colby Tofel-Grehl. 2016. "Gender Inequality in Supervised Research Time: A National Study of Ph.D. Students in Biological Science." *American Educational Research Association*, Washington, DC (April).
- Roksa, Josipa, and Denise Deutschlander. 2015. "Understanding Social Class Inequality in Application and Enrollment." *Association for the Study of Higher Education*, Denver, CO (November).
- Deutschlander, Denise, and Josipa Roksa. 2015. "Gender and SES Gaps in College Completion: The Importance of Family Contexts." *Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)*, *International Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA (August).
- *Roksa, Josipa. 2015. "Panel: Key Challenges in Higher Education." Reunion Weekend Seminars, University of Virginia, VA (June).
- *Roksa, Josipa, and Denise Deutschlander. 2015. "Social Class Inequality in Academic Undermatch: The Role of Social and Cultural Capital." Center for Education Policy Analysis, Stanford University, Stanford, CA (May).
- Roksa, Josipa, et al. 2015. "Engaging with Diversity: How Positive and Negative Diversity Interactions Influence Students' Cognitive Outcomes." *American Educational Research Association*, Chicago, IL (April).
- *Roksa, Josipa. 2015. "Assessing Learning in Higher Education: Present Challenges and Future Possibilities." *AACSB International*, Austin, TX (March).
- *Arum, Richard, and Josipa Roksa. 2015. "Aspiring Adults Adrift: Tentative Transitions of College Graduates." *Association of American Colleges and Universities*, Washington DC (January);
HEDS Annual Conference, Portland, OR, (June).

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE [since 2015]¹

Mentor

Meriwether Lewis Institute (2025-2027), Office of African American Affairs (2018-2024),
University of Virginia Mentoring Institute (2020-2021), Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative -
Summer Research (Summer 2020).

Search Committees

Director of the UVA Public Service Pathways (2023), Dean of the College and Graduate School of
Arts and Sciences (2022), Director of Hoos First (2022-2023), Director of Institutional Assessment
and Studies (2015-2016).

Post Award Assessment Committee (PAC) for the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) (2021-2025).

AGFM Faculty Promotion Committee, Department of Sociology (Fall 2024)

Advisory Team, Public Service Pathways Program (2022-2024).

VEST Pre-Doctoral Program Leadership Committee (2014-2022).

Student Affairs Strategic Planning Committee (2022).

Chair, Advising Task Force (2021-2022).

University Teaching & Learning Technology (UTLT), Assessment & Reporting Subcommittee (2020-
2022).

First-Forward Leadership Team (2019-2021).

Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) Committee (2018, 2020).

CGS/Proquest Dissertation Award Committee, Office of the Vice President for Research (Summer
2020)

Student Evaluation of Teaching Working Group (Spring 2020).

Annual Peer Review Committee, Department of Sociology (Chair: Spring 2014; Member: Spring 2013,
Spring 2016, Spring 2020).

Chair, Research Committee, College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Member: Spring 2018;
Chair: Fall 2018-Fall 2019).

Faculty Advisor, GSASC Grant Review (Spring 2019).

First-Generation Student Working Group (Summer/Fall 2018).

Internal Review Committee, Office of the Vice President for Research (2018-present).

Critical Thinking Assessment Committee (Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2018).

¹ Serving as a committee member, unless indicated otherwise.

Director of Graduate Studies and Chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology
(Summer 2017-Summer 2021).

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Selection Committee (Fall 2017).

Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Higher Education Program (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016).

Dean's Advisory Committee, Sociology Department Chair Selection Committee (Fall 2006; Fall 2015).

Third Year Review Committee, Department of Sociology (Spring 2015).

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

Social Stratification
Research Design and Methods
Introduction to Statistics
Intermediate Statistics
Inequality in Higher Education

Undergraduate

Sociology of Education
Introduction to Social Statistics
Merit, Privilege, and American Higher Education
Schools and Society
American Public Education: Successes and Challenges
College Life (COLA)

SUPERVISION OF POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS AND STUDENTS

Post-Doctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars

Karen Robinson, Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2012-2014

Felix Weiss, Visiting Scholar, University of Mannheim, Centre for European Social Research,
Fall 2011

Dissertation Chair

Jesse McCain, 2024

Moriah West, 2024

Yapeng Wang, 2022

Matt Ericson, 2020

Denise Deutschlander, 2018

Blake Silver, 2017

Joshua Brown, 2016 (co-chair with Carol Anne Spreen)

Daniel Potter, 2011

Dissertation Committee Member

Danielle A. Moore-Lewis, 2025 (chair: Juan C. Garibay)

Di Shao, 2025 (chair: Elizabeth Gorman)

Brooke Dinsmore, 2023 (chair: Allison Pugh)

Meghan Costello, 2023 (chair: Joe Allen)

Christopher Leland Williams, 2023 (chair: Tim Wilson)

Quinn Hirschi, 2022 (chair: Tim Wilson)

Margaret Harden, 2021 (chair: Brian Pusser)

Kimalee Dickerson, 2019 (chair: Joanna Lee Williams)

Jill Jones, 2018 (chair: Karen Inkelas)
Sarah Whitley, 2017(chair: Karen Inkelas)
Jason Jones, 2015 (chair: Dave Breneman)
Roscoe Scarborough, 2015 (chair: Allison Pugh)
Michael Wayne, 2015 (chair: Andrea Press)
Michele Darling, 2015 (chair: Sarah Corse)
Dave Morris, 2013 (chair: Paul Kingston)
Rachel Riskind, 2013 (chair: Charlotte Patterson)
Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, 2012 (chair: Milton Vickerman)
Joshua Pretlow, 2011 (chair: Heather Wathington)
Barbara Schmertz, 2010 (chair: Heather Wathington)
Herbert Bruce, 2009 (chair: Sarah Turner)
Gayle D'Andrea, 2009 (chair: Paul Kingston)
Holly Lord, 2008 (chair: Thomas Guterbock)
Laura M. Holian, 2007 (chair: Paul Kingston)

External Reader

Marc Johnson, University of Pennsylvania, 2021 (chair: Laura Perna)
Amy Butler, Flinders University, Australia, 2020 (chair: Tara Brabazon)

Distinguished Majors Program

Eden Phillips, project advisor, Sociology (2023-2024)
Sam Bachman, project advisor, Sociology (2019-2020)
Katy Hutto, project advisor, Political & Social Thought (2014-2015)
Alison Chin, project advisor, Political Philosophy, Policy and Law (2011-2012)
Kara Miller, project advisor, Sociology (2010-2011)
Caroline Harriott, reader, Computer Science (2008-2009)
Heather Clark, project advisor, Sociology (2008-2009)
Amanda Adams, project advisor, Sociology (2008-2009)
Elizabeth Beyland, reader, Sociology (2007-2008)

Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative, Summer Research-Early Identification Program
Daniella Efrat (summer 2020)

Double Hoo Research Grant, Denise Deutschlander and Yifan Wang (2017-2018).