

Brown University, Education Department

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Time: 12noon-1:15pm

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Melissa Roderick

University of Chicago

From High School to the Future: Potholes on the Road to College

Bio

Melissa Roderick is a co-director at the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago. She currently serves as a special advisor to the Chief Executive Office of the Chicago Public Schools for Planning and Development where she previously served as director. Roderick is an expert in urban school reform, high-stakes testing and minority adolescent development. Her work has focused attention on the transition to high school as a critical point in students' school careers. She has conducted research on school dropout, grade retention and the effects of summer programs. Professor Roderick is the lead principal investigator of a multi-method evaluation of the impact of Chicago's efforts to end social promotion, "The Effects of the Chicago Public School's Promotion Policy and Summer Bridge Initiative on Student Achievement and Opportunity to Learn," funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Spencer Foundation, the Joyce Foundation and the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation. Her new research is examining the determinants of successful transition to post-secondary among Chicago students.

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