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As a former urban school counselor, Dr. Savitz-Romer is particularly interested in how schools structure counseling support systems and college planning to provide universal programming.

Before joining the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Dr. Savitz-Romer was the associate director of the Boston Higher Education Partnership, where she led research, policy and programmatic initiatives focused on promoting college access, readiness and support for Boston Public School students. Dr. Savitz-Romer has also directed several college access and readiness programs and managed a statewide GEAR UP grant. She previously taught courses in school counseling and postsecondary planning at Boston University.

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