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AoS: Ethics (esp. love and sex); Feminist philosophy; Post-Kantian philosophy

AoC: Political philosophy; Social philosophy

Education

PhD: Philosophy department, Durham University (2022–)

Funded by a *Durham Doctoral Studentship*

Working title: ‘Sexual Subjects, Sexual Objects: The Ethics of Objectification’

Supervisors: Dr Joe Saunders, Dr Richard Stopford

MA: ‘Philosophy,’ Distinction, Philosophy department, Durham University (2020)

BA (Hons): ‘Philosophy,’ First Class, Philosophy department, Durham University (2019)

Publications

Journal Article

Robson, M (2025) “Beauvoir on how we can love authentically” *Inquiry* 68(10): 3903-3925
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2168300>

Book Chapter

Robson, M (Forthcoming, under contract) “Simone de Beauvoir on Authenticity in Romantic and Parental Love” In: *The Routledge Handbook for the History of the Philosophy of Love*, edited by Natasha McKeever and Joe Saunders, Routledge

Under Review

“In Defence of Infatuation” — Journal article

“Sexual Exclusion and the Construction of Sexuality” — Journal article

Conferences & Talks

*= Refereed

* “Simone de Beauvoir and the Possibility of Authentic Parental Love” **The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association**, University of Reading (8th–10th Jul’ 2026)

* “Varieties of Sexual Exclusion” **Objectification and Sexualisation Workshop**, University of Leeds (4th Dec’ 2025)

* “Relationships are Not Unions” **MANCEPT: Future of Relationships Panel**, University of Manchester (4th–6th Sep’ 2024)

* “Ethical Infatuations” **Applied Ethics Conference**, University of Nottingham (19th–20th Jan’ 2024)

* “Ethical Infatuations” **Phenomenological Workshop: Love and Sexuality**, University of Copenhagen (13th–14th Nov’ 2023)

“Ethical Infatuations” **Eidos PGR seminar**, Durham University (3rd May 2023)

Grants & Funding

Society for Applied Philosophy Research Trip Support Grant (£500)

Durham Doctoral Studentship (Fees & stipend, 3.5 years) — A competitive faculty scholarship

Service

Departmental Service

President of ‘Eidos’ Sep’ 2023–Aug’ 2025 — Durham’s philosophy PGR society. Organising research talks and career development sessions.

Staff Student Consultative Committee PGR representative Sep’ 2023–Aug’ 2024

Durham University Open Day (Dept. Rep.) — Delivered a sample lecture.

Services to the Discipline

European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions Conference 2024 — Abstract reviewer

Peer Review — *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

Teaching

Guest Lecturer (Independently designed):

Current Issues in Ethics (Masters [PGT] module), Durham University

Issues in Contemporary Ethics (Third year Undergraduate [UG]), Durham University

Discussion Group/Tutorial Leader:

Moral Theory (Second year UG), Durham University

Political Philosophy (Second year UG), Durham University

Being Human: An introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy (First year UG), Durham University

Ethics and Values (First year UG), Durham University

Knowledge and Reality (First year UG), Durham University

Reading Philosophy (First year UG), Durham University

References (Alphabetical)

Dr Joe Saunders, Associate professor, Durham University, joe.saunders@durham.ac.uk