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Areas of specialisation: Philosophy of love; philosophy of sex; applied ethics; moral theory; feminism

Education

2010 – 2014	PhD (Philosophy) <i>passed with no corrections</i>	University of Sheffield Thesis: 'Romantic love and Monogamy: A Philosophical Exploration' Supervisors: Professor Christopher Bennett; Professor Jennifer Saul Examiners: Professor Robert Stern; Professor Troy Jollimore
2009 – 2010	PGCE (Religious Studies)	Leeds Trinity University College
2008 – 2009	MA (Political Theory) <i>Distinction</i>	University of Sheffield
2005 – 2008	BA (Philosophy) <i>1st class honours</i>	University of Sheffield

Current employment: Lecturer: Inter-disciplinary Ethics Applied (IDEA) Centre, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, University of Leeds (Promoted to Grade 8 Lecturer in March 2020)

Peer-reviewed publications

Please note that I had a period of maternity leave from April 2021 until February 2022.

Edited volumes

The Philosophy of Love in the Past, Present and Future, co-edited with Joe Saunders and Andre Grahle, Routledge, 2022

The Philosophy of Sex: Contemporary Readings (8th Edition), co-edited with Raja Halwani, Jacob Held and Alan Soble, Rowman and Littlefield, 2022

Book chapters

'Trust, Attachment, and Monogamy' *The Moral Psychology of Trust*, Rowman and Littlefield, edited by Mark Alfano, David Collins, and Iris Vidmar Jovanovic, Forthcoming

'Friends-with-Benefits: Is Sex Compatible with Friendship' *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Friendship*, edited by Diane Jeske, 2022

'Critiquing Consensual Adult Incest' *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex*, edited by Brian Earp, Lori Watson, and Clare Chambers, 2022

'Online dating and love robots – how technology may undermine valuable features of romantic love', *The Philosophy of Love in the Past, Present and Future*, edited by Natasha McKeever, Joe Saunders and Andre Grahle, 2022

'Sexual Infidelity and Sexual Jealousy', co-authored with Luke Brunning, *The Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, edited by David Boonin, 2022

Journal articles

'Irrational Love: Taking Romeo and Juliet Seriously', co-authored with Joe Saunders, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. Forthcoming

'Asexuality', co-authored with Luke Brunning, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, (2021), Vol. 38 (3) pp. 497-517 (This paper was in the top ten most downloaded articles for this journal between Jan 2019 and Dec 2020)

'Prostitution and the Good of Sex: A Reply to Settegast', *Social Theory and Practice*, (October 2020), Vol. 46 (4) pp. 765-784

'Why, and To What Extent, is Sexual Infidelity Wrong?' *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, (2020), Vol. 101 (3) pp. 515-537 (This paper was in the top ten most downloaded articles for this journal between Jan 2019 and Dec 2020)

'What can we Learn about Romantic Love from Harry Frankfurt's Account of Love?' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2019), Vol. 14 (3): 204-226

'Can a Woman Rape a Man and Why Does it Matter?' *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (2018), Vol. 13 (4)

'Is the Requirement of Sexual Exclusivity Consistent with Romantic Love?' *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2017) Vol. 34 (3) pp. 353-369 (Winner of Journal of Applied Philosophy Annual Essay Prize)

'Love: What's Sex Got to do with it?' *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, (2016) Vol 30 (2): 201-218

Book reviews

'New Philosophies of Love and Sex: Thinking Through Desire by Sarah LaChance Adams, Christopher M. Davidson, and Caroline R. Lundquist (editors), *Hypatia Reviews Online*, (2018)

'Minimizing Marriage by Elizabeth Brake', *Res Publica*, (2013) Vol. 19 (3) pp. 285-289

'Love's Vision by Troy Jollimore'. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, (2012), Vol. 29 (1) pp. 88-90.

Media publications

'Is it Wrong to Have Sex with a Robot?' (co-authored with Ruby Hornsby) *Public Ethics Blog* (August 2022)

'Being Asexual' (co-authored with Luke Brunning) *Aeon* (November 2019)

'We Need to Talk about the Social Norms that Fuel Sexual Assault' *The Conversation* (reprinted in *The Independent*) (November 2017),

Funding Awards

2020	Leeds Arts and Humanities Research Institute (LAHRI) Pump Priming Fund (£1000)
2019	Society of Applied Philosophy Conference Funding (£3000)
2019	Mind Conference Funding (£600)
2019	The Aristotelian Society Conference Funding (£235)
2019	Analysis Conference Funding (£250)
2017	Journal of Applied Philosophy Annual Essay Prize (£1000 + free conference place and travel bursary)
2010 – 2014	University of Sheffield Fee scholarship (PhD)
2012 – 2013	Society for Applied Philosophy Doctoral Scholarship (£8000)
2011 – 2012	Society for Applied Philosophy Doctoral Scholarship (£8000)
2008 – 2009	University of Sheffield Fee scholarship (MA)
2008 – 2009	University of Sheffield Alumni Scholarship (£2000)

Teaching

July 2017 – present: Lecturer, Inter-disciplinary Ethics Applied (IDEA) Centre, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, University of Leeds

Deputy Director PGR Studies 2022

Programme Leader 2018-2021: BA/ MA Biomedical and Healthcare Ethics; MA Applied and Professional Ethics.

Module Leader: 'Love: Ethical, Social and Political Issues', 'Global Environmental Ethics'; 'Ethics at the Beginning of Life'; 'Current Developments in Healthcare'; 'Conscience, Codes and Professional Issues'; 'Dissertation module'.

PhD supervisor: Sophie Goddard 'Love and Sacrifice'; Ruby Hornsby 'Can You Be Friends with a Robot?'

I also supervise MA dissertations and final year undergraduate projects. I have also taught and assessed engineering, business and dentistry ethics to undergraduate students, as well as managing the online materials we provide for our online distance learners.

Oct 2020 – present: External Examiner for Healthcare Ethics and Law PGT programmes, University of Manchester

July 2017 – July 2018: Teaching Enhancement Project Leader Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence (LITE), University of Leeds

10% of my time was also bought out by LITE, in order to develop a set of blended learning materials in research ethics for undergraduate and postgraduate students across the University of Leeds. I worked with the digital education service to create a MOOC on the platform Futurelearn, which runs every two weeks.

Sept 2016 – Aug 2017: Teacher of Philosophy, St Paul's School, London

I taught Pre- U Ethics, GCSE Religious Studies, and Moral Philosophy to Year 9 and 10 students. I also completed my NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) training this year.

Feb 2014 – June 2014: Teaching Fellow, Module Leader, 'Philosophy and Education: Theory and Practice', Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

This was an innovative module for Level 2 students which involved both a theoretical element on the Philosophy of Education and a practical element on how to teach Philosophy. Students were given a chance to teach Philosophy to Year 10 school pupils at a five day conference held at the University called 'The Examined Life'. I proposed the idea for this module to the Department, designed the curriculum and did all the lecturing, seminar tutorials, administration, and setting and grading of all coursework, which included, in addition to a long essay, a portfolio of lesson plans, reflections on lessons observed and their own philosophy of education.

Sept 2012 – Jan 2013: Teaching Fellow, Module Leader, 'The Philosophy of Sex', Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

A colleague and I were selected from a number of other PhD students to run a third year module, for which we have developed the curriculum independently. We did all the lecturing, seminar tutorials, administration, and setting and grading of all coursework and exams associated with the module, including the supervision of students doing 'long essays.' This module was extremely popular, with over 60 students signing up for it.

Sept 2010 – June 2014: Seminar Tutor, Undergraduate Tutorials, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield.

First year Undergraduates: Reason and Argument; Mind, Brain and Personal Identity; The Philosophy of Art and Literature; Self and Society; Matters of Life and Death; Key Arguments (Independence Based Learning module); History of Philosophy (Independence Based Learning module); Knowledge, Justification and Doubt. (Included marking and grading all coursework and exams.) Second-year Undergraduates: Ethics (theoretical and practical)

Third-year Undergraduates: The Philosophy of Sex

Talks

June 2022, IDEA Centre Research Day: *'Trust, Attachment, and Monogamy'*

February 2021, University of Manchester Philosophy Departmental Seminar (Invited speaker): *'Friends with Benefits: Is Sex Compatible with Friendship?'*

February 2021, University of Durham Philosophy Departmental Seminar (Invited speaker): *'Friends with Benefits: Is Sex Compatible with Friendship?'*

October 2020, IDEA Centre Seminar Series: *'Online Dating and Love-bots – How Technology may Undermine Valuable Features of Romantic Love'*

September 2019, Love Etc Workshop, University of Leeds: *'What is Wrong with Sexual Infidelity?'*

July 2019, British Society for Ethical Theory (BSET) Annual Conference, University of Glasgow: *'Prostitution and the Good of Sex: A Reply to Settegast'* (poster presentation)

June 2019, Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Cardiff: *'Taking Asexuality Seriously: Implications for the Philosophy of Sex and Love'*

June 2019, European Society for the Philosophical Study of Emotions Annual Conference, University of Pisa: *'Taking Asexuality Seriously: Implications for the Philosophy of Sex and Love'*

March 2019, IDEA Centre Seminar Series: *'Taking Asexuality Seriously: Implications for the Philosophy of Sex and Love'*

February 2018, IDEA Centre Seminar Series: *'Can a Woman Rape a Man and Why Does it Matter?'*

June 2018, The Metaphysics of Sex and Love Conference, University of Barcelona (Invited speaker): *'Friends with Benefits or Romantic Partners: Where Does the Difference Lie?'*

February 2018, UWE Visiting Speaker Series (Invited speaker): *'Against the Hegemony of Monogamy'*

January 2018, The Future of Love Workshop, University of Munich (Invited speaker): *'Sexual Freedom and Monogamy'*

September 2017, Love Etc. Workshop, University of Leeds (Invited speaker): *'Friends with Benefits or Romantic Partners: Where Does the Difference Lie?'*

November 2016, Isaiah Berlin Society, St Paul's School: *'Should the Sale of Sex Be Seen as "Just Another Service"?''*

July 2014, Value Conference, Sheffield: *'The Value of Romantic Love'*

August 2013, University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate Research Summer Seminar Series: *'Justifying Sexual Exclusivity as a Requirement of Romantic Love'*

June 2013, Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Zurich: *'Against the Hegemony of Monogamy'*

June 2013, Association for Legal and Social Philosophy Annual Conference, Stirling: *'Towards a Gender Neutral Theory of Rape'*

December 2012, University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate Research Seminar: *'Sex: What's Love Got to Do with It?'*

August 2012, International Network for Sexual Ethics and Politics Conference, Ghent, Belgium: *'Sexual Freedom and Monogamy'*

June 2012, University of Warwick Centre for the Study of Women and Gender Inter-disciplinary Graduate Seminar Series: *'Why Don't Women Buy Sex from Men and Why Should We Care?'*

August 2011, University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate Research Summer Seminar Series: *'Frankfurt on Romantic Love'*

April 2011, University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate Research Seminar: *'What are the Reasons for Love?'*

Conferences Organised

2022	Co-organiser for ' Equality in Intimate Life ' workshop as part of MANCEPT, University of Manchester.
2020	Co-organiser for ' The Politics of Romantic Life ' workshop as part of MANCEPT, University of Manchester. This workshop was held online due to covid-19. We had 9 speakers.
2019	Co-organiser for ' Love Etc ' workshop at the University of Leeds. We received funding for this from the Society for Applied Philosophy, Analysis, Mind, the Aristotelian Society, and the Centre for Ethics and Metaethics, University of Leeds. We had 9 speakers and approximately 35 attendees. The keynote speaker was Troy Jollimore.
2012 – 2013	Lead organiser for the ' Examined Life ' series. This was a series of 5 conferences in which 180 Year 10 school pupils came to the University of Sheffield to do philosophy. There was a different theme for each day, for example, 'Identity' and 'Philosophy of Science'. A teacher and I wrote the funding application for this and we received a £5000 grant for it from Widening Participation. I organised the conference two years running.
2011 – 2013	Co-organiser for the first ' Understanding Value ' postgraduate conference at the University of Sheffield, and its second incarnation, 'Understanding Value II'. These conferences hosted more than 30 speakers from around the world, had nearly 100 attendees, and attracted funding from a range of sources, including the Mind Association and the Analysis Trust.
2010 – 2011	Co-organiser for ' Philosophise ' A Level conference at the University of Sheffield, a student-led conference for A Level philosophy students at schools across Sheffield. I delivered sessions as well as helping to plan and organise the conference in 2010 and 2011.

Outreach/ Public Engagement

December 2020, Philosophy of Film Podcast: 'Phantom Thread' (recorded with the Hyde Park Picturehouse)

December 2018, Showroom Cinema, Sheffield: 'Phantom Thread'

September 2018, University of the Third Age, Leeds: 'Defining Disability'

April 2018, St Pauls School Pre-U Revision Weekend Talk: 'Can a Woman Rape a Man and Why Does it Matter?'

March 2018, Public Philosophy and Film Series: Hyde Park Picturehouse, Leeds: 'Phantom Thread'

January 2018, University of the Third Age, Leeds: 'The Philosophy of Love'

July 2017, Public Philosophy and Film Series: Hyde Park Picturehouse, Leeds: 'Elle'

January 2014, Ambassador for outreach scheme 'Discover Arts and Humanities', University of Sheffield

2013 – 2014, Vice-chair for 'Philosophy in the City', Sheffield, and link for Roundabout Homeless Shelter where I ran a weekly Philosophy session.

October 2012, Bradford Science Fair, 'Fifty Shades of Sex' Event: 'Drawing the Line: What is Sex?'

November 2011, University of Sheffield 'Pecha Kucha Evening' (presentations consist of 20 slides, each being 20 seconds long): 'Love and Monogamy in the 21st Century'

Administrative and Professional Roles

Feb 2022 – Aug 2022	Deputy Director Postgraduate Research (research leave cover)
Aug 2018- Apr 2021	Programme Director MA Applied and Professional Ethics Programme Director MA Biomedical and Healthcare Ethics (online)
Jan 2018 – Apr 2021	Member of Ethics Advisory Board for SUITCEYES project a Horizon2020 funded project on tactile communication for deafblind people (https://suitceyes.eu/)
Sept 2020 – Apr 2021	Organiser of taught postgraduate student-staff forum for the school of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science
2018 – present	PRIA (Pedagogic Research in Arts) Working group member
Feb 2021	PhD Internal Examiner, 'Information-sharing behaviours in English General Practitioners: when is it justifiable to share healthcare information? A conceptual and empirical study.'
Dec 2020	MRes examiner, University of Birmingham 'A Philosophical Exploration of Romantic Love: Can We Distinguish Romantic Love from Other Forms of Love?'
Dec 2020	External Advisor for University of Roehampton MA Practical Philosophy
Aug 2018 – Aug 2020	Programme Director BA/MA Biomedical and Healthcare Ethics (campus)
Sept 2017 – Sept 2020	Research Ethics Lead for the IDEA Centre
2017 – 2018	Academic Integrity Officer for the IDEA Centre
2017- 2018	Staff Rep for Staff-Student Forum, IDEA Centre

Additional Relevant Work Experience

2014 – 2016: Civil Service Fast Stream, Generalist Scheme

September 2014 – March 2015, Policy Advisor, Department for Education, Sheffield

April 2015 – September 2015, Adult Social Care Information Technology Officer, Department of Health, Leeds

October 2015 – April 2016, Policy Advisor, Department of Work and Pensions, London

I also set up a Fast Stream School Outreach Network while I was there, in order to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to consider applying for the Fast Stream.

Referees: Professor Christopher Megone, Professor Christopher Bennett, and Professor Jennifer Saul (details available upon request)