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Emily Robertson is Dual Associate Professor of Education and Philosophy in the School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University .

She has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Education and as Interim Dean of the School and has been Chair of the Department of Cultural Foundations of Education. She was a member of the core faculty of the 2004 Summer Institute in Philosophy of Education at the University of Illinois and a visiting professor at Stanford in 2003. Professor Robertson is a Past-President of the Philosophy of Education Society. She received her doctorate in philosophy from Syracuse University and her M.Ed. in philosophy of education from Temple University. Her primary research focus is on the development and defense of fostering rationality as an educational aim. She has also written on moral and civic education and has recently become interested in the philosophy of higher education, especially the defense of academic freedom and institutional neutrality. She is author or co-author of two edited books and over 30 articles and book chapters. Recent publications include "Teacher Education in a Democratic Society: Learning and Teaching the Practices of Democratic Participation" in the 3rd edition of *The Handbook of Research on Teacher Education* and "Epistemic Aims of Education" forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Education*.

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