



Dear FASPE fellows, friends, and faculty,

This edition of our newsletter includes details about the 2016 FASPE trips, news about changes at FASPE, and our plans for the FASPE Reunion & Symposium in March of 2017.

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With warm wishes,
Thorin Tritter, Ph.D.
Executive Director, FASPE

FASPE BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT NON-PROFIT

This past spring, FASPE received its own 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service. In the months since, we have been solidifying plans to become an independent non-profit, separating from the Museum of Jewish Heritage, which has served as the crucial incubator for FASPE since our pilot program in 2009. FASPE believes that its proven track record of programming and initial core of donors makes such a separation possible. We look forward to further growth as an independent organization! Keep an eye out for more information about our new offices later in January.

2016 SUMMER PROGRAMS

FASPE held five programs in the summer of 2016, working with Business, Journalism, Law, Medical, and Seminary Fellows. (To see a list of our Fellows, go to [our website](#).) Like last year, the Business, Journalism, and Law Fellows traveled together and gathered in Berlin for the

formal start of those programs on Sunday, May 22. These three groups, totaling 48 people when including faculty and staff, spent the next 12 days together, interweaving discipline-specific seminars, site visits, and inter-disciplinary discussions. Their trip concluded in Krakow on Thursday, June 2.



2016 Business, Journalism, and Law Fellows



2016 Medical and Seminary Fellows

The Medical and Seminary Fellows traveled a few weeks later. Building on the successful start of the earlier programs in Europe, these groups also met in Berlin for the official opening sessions on Sunday, June 19. On the following day, they enjoyed a boat trip down the Spree as an initial ice-breaker, followed by a range of seminars and site visits which explored the role of their professions in Nazi Germany and the ethical issues they face in their professions today. Over the following 12 days, the three groups traveled together, interweaving discipline-specific seminars, site visits, and inter-disciplinary discussions.

2016 FASPE FACULTY

The 2016 trips relied on a combination of new additions to FASPE and veteran faculty. The Business program was led for the second consecutive year by the team of Mary Gentile and Markus Scholz. Similarly our Seminary trip was led for the second consecutive year by Kevin Spicer, CSC and Rabbi Jim Ponet. FASPE Law, on the other hand, was led by two new FASPE faculty members, David Luban and Judy Lichtenberg, both from Georgetown. In Journalism and



From left: Judy Lichtenberg (Law), David Luban (Law), Jeffrey Botkin (Medical), and Lonnie Isabel (Journalism)

Medical, our trips were led by a team that included one returning FASPE faculty member and

one scholar new to FASPE. The returning veteran for Journalism was Ari Goldman, who led the 2011 and 2013 trips. He was joined this year by Lonnie Isabel, a professor at Columbia's Journalism School and the former deputy managing editor of Newsday. In our Medical program, Sara Goldkind returned for the third time, accompanied this year by Jeff Botkin, a professor of pediatrics and the chief of the division of Medical Ethics and Humanities at the School of Medicine at the University of Utah. This impressive team engaged our Fellows in formal seminars and informal discussions, inspiring them to think more critically about their own actions.

FASPE FUNDRAISING DINNER IN JANUARY

FASPE is holding its second gala fundraising dinner on January 30, 2017 at the Diamond Horseshoe in Times Square. Held in a subterranean vault beneath the Paramount Hotel, the focus of the dinner will be a ceremony to give the 2017 FASPE Award for Ethical Leadership.

This year FASPE is giving three awards. Our corporate honoree is Johnson & Johnson, in recognition of their groundbreaking ethical work in making otherwise proprietary data available to all (in a program "co-ventured" with Yale Medical School) and in developing protocols to make its investigational medicines available on a rational and ethical basis. Our posthumous award will be given to Jan Karski, a Polish diplomat who risked his life during WWII to uncover details about the Holocaust and to share that information with Allied leaders in an effort to prevent the genocide that was taking place. While his message fell largely on deaf ears, his willingness to risk everything when challenged by events in his time stands as a model for all of us today. Our third award this year will honor David Marwell, a historian and the former executive director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage who retired at the end of 2015. David Marwell's efforts played a critical role in turning FASPE from an idea into a reality.

If you have ideas about friends, family, or other contacts who would be interested in supporting this dinner, please contact Thorin Tritter at ttritter@faspe.info.

FASPE REUNION & SYMPOSIUM IN MARCH 2017

Save the date! The 2017 FASPE Reunion & Symposium will be held on March 11-12 at Fordham University's Law School in New York. While the full schedule is still being worked out, we anticipate a program that will start with a breakfast and welcome on Saturday and run through Sunday afternoon. We hope this schedule will make it possible to have a wider range of networking opportunities, workshops, break-out sessions, and inter-disciplinary discussions than in previous years. If you have an idea for a session, please contact Thorin Tritter at ttritter@faspe.info. And watch for a formal invitation in your email.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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HAVE NEWS? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are interested in hearing your news and would love to share alumni accomplishments and publicize FASPE-related events! Please send information to Thorin Tritter at ttritter@FASPE.info.

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