



Hello FASPE Fellows, friends, and faculty. This edition of our newsletter includes information about the 2015 Fellows, details about the FASPE Reunion & Symposium this past January, an update on the Alumni Fundraising Campaign, plans for our 2015 public programs, a link to the new edition of the *FASPE Journal*, and updates about our alumni.

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

THE 2015 FASPE FELLOWS

After much deliberation, FASPE is delighted to announce [our 2015 Fellows](#). For the first time, they include not only Journalism, Law, Medical, and Seminary Fellows, but the pilot participants for FASPE Business, who will travel with the Law and Journalism group. In total 62 Fellows from 42 different schools will participate in our programs this summer, drawn from an impressive pool that included almost 1000 applicants. FASPE is particularly grateful to all the alumni who helped spread the word about FASPE at their schools and through their professional networks; and to those who helped read applications. Our rising application numbers are a testament to your help in publicizing this program. Thank you!

ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

More than 60 FASPE alumni and faculty gathered in New York in January for the fifth annual FASPE Reunion & Symposium. The revamped event included a poster session by 2014 Fellows in which their final projects were showcased; a workshop on “Ambition and Ethics” led by Dr. Mary Gentile; an inter-disciplinary discussion about ethical issues arising from current events; and a group visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. For photographs from the event [click here](#).



“Ebola and Ethics” panelists at FASPE Reunion & Symposium in January: (from left) Brooke Gladstone, David Goldman, Rev. Jack Amick, Prof. Larry Gostin, Dr. Joe Fins.

One of the highlights of the Reunion & Symposium was a panel discussion about the ethical issues facing those in various professions due to the Ebola outbreak in Africa. Moderated by David Goldman, the Chairman of the FASPE Steering Committee, the panelists included: Brooke Gladstone, host and managing editor of the NPR newsmagazine *On the Media*; Dr. Joseph J. Fins, the E. William Davis, Jr. M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College; Lawrence Gostin, the Founding Linda D. & Timothy I. O’Neill Professor of Global Health Law at Georgetown Law School; and Reverend Jack Amick, assistant general secretary for international disaster response at the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

FASPE also held a mini-reunion in Chicago in March to test the idea of organizing regional gatherings. A group of 15 alumni, representing Fellows from 2010-2014, gathered for a tour of the University of Chicago’s Rockefeller Chapel and Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House. The Fellows then participated in a group discussion about the ethical challenges they are facing in their respective fields. FASPE looks forward to holding other regional gatherings in the coming year.

THE ALUMNI FUND

We are delighted to thank the 99 alumni who contributed a total of \$5,113 toward the FASPE Alumni Fund which will be used to cover travel expenses for one of the Fellows participating in the 2015 trips. FASPE is particularly grateful to see such a strong response from its alumni who have sought to give something back to the program.

FASPE PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Over the past several years FASPE has been seeking to increase its visibility through a range of public programs. One such program was the panel discussion on “Ebola and

Ethics,” mentioned above, that was held on January 25 and drew an audience of over 100 people. Another program was held earlier last Fall, when Thorin Tritter gave a talk at Mt. Sinai Hospital entitled “Learning from History: The Holocaust and Contemporary Medical Ethics.”



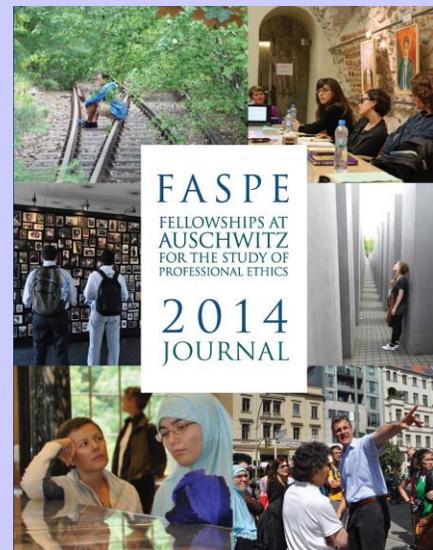
Prof. Peter Hayes will speak on “Profits and Persecution” on April 29.

Our next public program will be a lecture by Professor Peter Hayes of Northwestern University on April 29 at 7:00 PM entitled “Profits and Persecution: German Big Business and the Holocaust.” Professor Hayes is a leading scholar in German business history and a fabulous speaker. [Follow this link to reserve a seat at this free event.](#)

FASPE is also launching its first Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course, to be held on Thursday, May 21 in New York. The 90-minute session will draw from material discussed during the FASPE trip to explore the actions of Nazi lawyers and spur discussion about the ethical challenges facing attorneys today. If you are interested in learning more about the CLE class or attending, please email Thorin Tritter at ttritter@FASPE.info.

2014 FASPE JOURNAL

Published in conjunction with the January Reunion & Symposium, the new edition of the *FASPE Journal* is now [available online](#). As in the past, this volume contains samples of the work produced by the most recent Fellows – pieces like Martine Powers’ article on “Do you Fact-Check a Campus Rape Survivor?”, Andrew Haile’s paper on “Should Lawyers be Judged for Representing Unpopular Clients?”, a sermon by Sarah Stewart on “Shiphrah and Puah: Birthing an Ethic of Resistance”, and Medical Fellow Corina Iacopetti’s article “Degrees of Moral Status: Rethinking the Legacy of Holocaust Rhetoric.” In addition, this year we included three pieces by earlier Fellows who convey some of the ways that FASPE still resonates for them. Please take a look and see what moves you.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Stay in touch with your fellow FASPE alumni and friends! Updates from many are included below. We encourage all alumni to reach out to the alumni representative from your trip (listed below) to share details about what you are doing for inclusion in the next

issue of this E-Newsletter.

2010 Law: **Mark Friedman** is practicing trusts and estates law at his very own boutique law firm in New Jersey. You can check his firm out at SpecialNeedsNJ.com. **Todd Grabarsky** is living in Los Angeles where he is clerking for Judge Arthur L. Alarcón of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. **Kate Loewe** welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Oscar, on November 15, 2014. **Sarah Nadeau** is starting a new job as VP of Regulatory Examinations at BNP Paribas.

2010 Seminary: **Chris Hadley** is almost done with his dissertation. He will be serving as a post-doctoral fellow next year at a theological research institute within the University of Toronto. **Rachel Heath** serves as the Spiritual Life Coordinator at the University of Chicago. And lead a wonderful tour of Rockefeller Chapel for the alumni that gathered in Chicago in March.

2011 Journalism **Suzanne Rozdeba** started a new job working as a writer and editor for NBC Today.com.

2011 Medical: **CJ Chang** is a PGY-2 in Emergency Medicine at Harvard. She is headed back to Malawi and also to Tanzania soon to start setting up a research network in a group of African Emergency Departments. **Alessa Colaianni** is in Baltimore, having finished a master's program in Cambridge on the History and Philosophy of Science this summer, and will be doing residency in otolaryngology at the Harvard/Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. **Jonathan Levin** got married in September and is a 2nd year resident in Pediatrics in the Boston Combined Residency Program (Boston Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital), alongside **Elliot Rabinowitz**. **Irina Livshitz** is a 2nd year ophthalmology resident at Case Western in Cleveland, and has been married for 2 years! **Steph Purisch** is a 3rd year Ob/Gyn resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, applying this spring for a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine. **Jordan Slosower** is a PGY-1 in Psychiatry at Yale, working on developing innovative mental health services for disadvantaged populations in New Haven and rural Nepal. **Haleh Van Vliet** is expecting a little boy! Due date is May 14th. She is finishing her Emergency Medicine Residency this year and will graduate on June 23rd. She will start as a fellow in the University of Colorado Denver Hospice and Palliative Medicine Program on July 1st.

2012 Journalism: **Laurie Guthmann**, who got married in December in Paris, is changing jobs. For the past two years she worked as an associate producer at HuffPost Live in New York, focusing on international news and politics. However, she recently moved to Los Angeles where she will work as an associate producer for the newly created HuffPost Show, a weekly that offers a satiric look at the week's top stories.

2012 Law: **Morenike Fajana** spent the year after her graduation working in Berlin at the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights -- the NGO where FASPE had a seminar on the torture memos during the 2012 trip. Mo writes "While I was there, I worked on a big complaint to the International Criminal Court about torture committed against Iraqi detainees by the UK military, and did some work supporting drone litigation in Pakistan. I really enjoyed living in Berlin - apart from the weather - and even learned some German (although my vocab tends to revolve around food and beer)." In December Mo moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti where she is working for the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux, the only human rights law firm in Haiti. She adds "So far it's been an amazing experience to do some on the ground human rights work, but challenging as well. We have to strike a balance between fighting against Haiti's government for their corruption and disregard of human rights, and working with it. Outside of work, I love the sunshine, the landscape and all of the great friends I've made here so far. Haiti's beauty and culture will surprise you - I say it's definitely worth a visit!" **Christina Perpignano** accepted a position at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in Washington DC. **Maria Sevilla** accepted a job at University of Miami as Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs and Title IX Investigator. She works out of the Office of the Dean of Students, investigating complaints of sexual violence, gender discrimination, and stalking for their undergraduate, medical, and law campuses. She writes: "Just as with my past work representing victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, as well as stalking, I think I will be reminded of FASPE often in my new role. Being in daily contact with people who have been physically hurt by others is mentally and emotionally challenging; thinking I can use my degree to help somewhat redeem those evils is rewarding, and my FASPE education is often a guiding light in how I engage my daily work." **Carson Thomas** is

currently clerking on the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco after finishing another clerkship for the Alaska Supreme Court. He writes “both clerkships have been terrific experiences. In Alaska, I did a lot of work on Alaska Native issues, particularly tribal sovereignty over parental rights and child custody. The Ninth Circuit’s caseload includes a lot of habeas and immigration/asylum cases. I think often of all of you guys and how much I learned from hearing your stories and perspectives while we were on FASPE. I’m currently in the middle of applying for post-clerkship jobs, and I’m looking at everything from working for Earthjustice in Alaska to joining the Foreign Service to taking a clerkship bonus and joining a big firm in SF.”

2013 Journalism: **Harman Boparai** is completing his medical residency in anesthesiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital and continues to seek ways to combine his interests in medicine and journalism. **Toby Salinger** is now writing for the New York Daily News. **Anna Silman** is deputy entertainment editor at Salon Magazine. In November she traveled to Germany to report a freelance feature on Nazi art theft for Tablet Magazine. **Byron Wilkes** is serving in the Peace Corps in Morocco.

2013 Law: **Toochi Ngwangwa** is working for the UNDP China on its sustainable business abroad initiative to build the capacity of Chinese enterprises investing in other developing countries. The organization hopes to use the resources and expertise of the private sector to promote sustainable development globally. **Lisa-Marie Rudi** is working in Geneva, Switzerland, for a small NGO called Civitas Maxima. The organization works mostly on Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Sierra Leone, where it documents crimes, represents victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and tries to bring cases on their behalf in any courts that might have jurisdiction. In 2014, their work led to the arrest of Martina Johnson in Belgium and of Alieu Kosiah in Switzerland. **Maria Stozek** is in Madrid, working at Institute Carlos III on a study that examines the use of formal and informal resources against intimate partner violence (IPV) by Polish immigrant IPV survivors in Spain.

2013 Medical: **Jordan Cohen** returned from a year in South Africa this past June (2014) and is applying to Emergency Medicine residency program with his fiancé who is doing OB/GYN. **Shekinah Elmore** is staying at Harvard for Radiation Oncology residency. **Noelle Teske** is on leave of absence from my medical school doing a research fellowship in dermatology at University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

2014 Medical: **Hasenin Al-khersan** is currently a second-year medical student. Since returning from FASPE he has continued to research the pathogenesis of inherited cataracts, and he is also working with a team to develop a cheaper glaucoma screening tool. Hasenin also continues to work as an advisory board member for the University of Chicago Community Service Center. He was recently selected as a finalist for the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans with which he hopes to study health policy. **Salina Bakshi** matched at Brigham and Women’s Hospital for residency in Internal Medicine. **Dippy Bhattacharya** is working with Dean Angoff and Drs. Mercurio and Hughes to develop “Introduction to the Profession,” the first course that medical students will take in Yale’s new med school curriculum. This course combines orientation activities and community outreach with learning in ethics, professionalism, and social justice. He hopes to give a lecture talking about ethical concerns in medicine today by highlighting the similarities from our past – a mini-FASPE lecture! He also continues to work on his Ph.D. thesis in trying to understand the function of genes, that when mutated, cause congenital heart defects. **Matt Bobel** recently returned from a vacation to Hawaii and has been enjoying more free time to catch up with family and friends. He has been busy planning his wedding and will be doing his surgery residency at the University of Minnesota. **Sam Enumah** has been enjoying the warm sun in Rwanda and learning more about STATA and data and road traffic crashes in Kigali. He recently finished reading Abraham Verghese’s My Own Country, an autobiography about Dr. Verghese’s first few years in practice in rural Tennessee during the rise of the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. He writes “A powerful narrative full of stories of patients and their families and their stories. Well worth a read.” **Allyson Goldberg** matched into the Internal Medicine, Primary Care program at the University of Washington (a three-year residency). **Corina Iacopetti** will be doing her residency in pediatrics at UCSF. **Liese Pruitt** looks forward to trail running and skiing as she begins her general surgery residency at the University of Utah. **Jeevan Puthiamadathil** is continuing through his third year clerkships. While he finds the schedule and general lack of time challenging, he reports that he thoroughly enjoys the moments he spends with his patients

and the opportunities he is given to impact their lives -- which is the reason he went into medicine. He also adds "of course, I also enjoy thinking about and discussing the myriad of ethical issues that come up day to day." **Yael Shinar** was invited to give a FASPE-related talk at the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine, at UMich, which she did with pleasure. An attendee mentioned her talk to the chairs of the ethics committees (adult and peds) at UMHS, and now she'll be giving a similar talk at UMHS (UMich Health System). She'll also be presenting at a couple of conferences this spring, including at a poster session in March at the 4th annual conference on medicine and religion in Boston; and as a panelist in May at the International Conference on Clinical Ethics & Consultation in Manhattan. **Edgar Woznica** will do residency at Johns Hopkins in psychiatry.

2014 Seminary: Jordan Loewen is patiently waiting to receive rejection letters from the PhD programs he applied to so he can move on and begin looking for a job in real life now that he's in his final semester of his MDiv program. He's hoping to be the teaching minister of a church or teach at the high school level. **Izak Santana** is in his final semester of his MDiv program and will be graduating in May. He will also achieve certification for public school teaching in Texas this spring, and hopes to be teaching English/Language Arts at the high school level this fall.

If you have updates to include in the next newsletter, please contact Thorin Tritter or the alumni representatives listed below.

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