

2018 FASPE STUDY TRIP

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“The Holocaust represented a vast failure of imagination, conscience and will on the part of millions of human beings. But in addition, it represented a more specific failure of the professions — of lawyers, doctors and clerics — to speak up and resist in the name of the principles that give the professions their special moral standing in society at large.”

— ANTHONY KRONMAN, STERLING PROFESSOR OF LAW, YALE LAW SCHOOL



PROFESSOR THORSTEN WAGNER WITH FELLOWS
AT THE MEMORIAL TO THE MURDERED JEWS OF
EUROPE IN BERLIN.

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FASPE GROUP ON WALKING TOUR IN BERLIN.

“After FASPE, I feel better prepared to be not just a leader, but a leader of consequence.”

— ANNE STEPTOE, DUKE UNIVERSITY’S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, 2015 FASPE BUSINESS FELLOW

FASPE’S STUDY TRIP is a week-long intensive travel and study program that takes place in Berlin, Krakow and Auschwitz. The program is designed for established professionals, community leaders and others interested in sharing the experience of the FASPE Fellows. Guided by FASPE’s mission and the format of its fellowships, attendees examine the precedent of professional behavior in Germany and elsewhere from 1933-1945 as a means to understand the significance and urgency of professional ethics today.

The Study Trip is an abbreviated version of the program attended by FASPE Fellows. While shorter, less rigorous and not offered as a fellowship, it retains the basic framework and purpose of the other FASPE programs. Attendees stay in iconic hotels in the respective cities, visit the same sites as FASPE Fellows and attend representative sessions, engaging in open discussions about contemporary ethics in the professions. Trips are organized with a limited number of participants to ensure meaningful dialogue; they are led by FASPE faculty, composed of leading historians and ethicists in the professions. The program serves as an opportunity to address standards of leadership and professional integrity within a unique historic context.

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1, 2 and 3 in Berlin, including visits to the House of the Wannsee Conference, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and the Topography of Terror Museum
Lodging at Hotel Adlon

Days 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Krakow, including a trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau led by Pawel Sawicki, Senior Official of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Lodging at Hotel Stary

SAMPLE SESSIONS/TOPICS ON CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL ISSUES:

- **History:** The role of professionals — business executives, clergy, doctors, journalists and lawyers — under National Socialism
- **Technology:** The ethics of the future and the implications of artificial intelligence
- **Business:** What does “ethics” mean in business?
- **Clergy:** The right and responsibility of religious leaders to be ethical educators
- **Journalism:** Fake news in the age of social media, a 24-hour news cycle and political disunity
- **Law:** The difference between legal compliance and ethical behavior
- **Medicine:** Medical care in a time of limited resources



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FASPE's mission is to challenge graduate students and future leaders to recognize and confront their ethical responsibilities as professionals by analyzing the decisions and actions of Nazi-era professionals.

At the core of FASPE are its five fellowship programs — Business, Journalism, Law, Medical and Seminary — which award fellowships to American and international graduate students in professional schools and to early-career professionals. The fellowships are comprised of intense two-week study trips that are held in Germany and Poland.

FASPE Fellows study the actions and choices of their professional counterparts in Germany between 1933 and 1945, underscoring the reality that moral codes governing the professions can break down or be distorted with devastating consequences. Through this examination of ethical failures in what was a progressive, modern society, the Fellows learn about the critical role that professionals play and their impact — positive or negative — as leaders in their societies. FASPE challenges its Fellows to become acutely aware of their responsibilities as respected professionals in their communities and to act in an ethical fashion.

FASPE offers a contemporary approach to the study of the Holocaust by focusing on the actions of the perpetrators rather than on its victims. Through the power of place, history and immersive contextual learning, FASPE has created a uniquely effective means for studying contemporary professional ethics — well beyond what is often a rules-based approach in the traditional classroom.

FASPE is entering its ninth year of awarding these fellowships and counts nearly 450 alumni Fellows. As a highly competitive program, FASPE accepts only 65 Fellows (12 – 14 in each of the five professions) from nearly 1000 applications each year. FASPE's faculty is drawn from international Holocaust historians, practicing professionals and leading academics working in the field of ethics.