

Testimonials from 2018 FASPE Business Fellows

FASPE taught me to think critically about modern business ethics issues and gave me the tools to identify and speak up for my values, as well as to analyze them more deeply. Working with other students in the professions only expanded this experience and gave me a wider lens through which to consider the issues, as well as great friends with whom I'll continue to stay in contact now that the formal fellowship has ended. The program was life changing, and the lessons I learned from it will stay with me far into the future.

Jennifer Gilbert, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

FASPE has imparted to me a certain moral curiosity and a heightened ethical awareness. There are, of course, the visceral and emotional reactions to the sites we visited, but I leave the two week program feeling as if my personal journey has just begun. More than anything, I take away the need to continually examine my actions in terms of the larger ethical framework. I am reminded to shun ethical complacency and continually question what it is I am doing, why I am doing it, and who is affected. I am also reminded to expand my concept of moral responsibility and visualize my role as part of a larger construct, not merely to restrict myself to a narrow scope of direct responsibility. Finally, I know that I always have a choice, and that minor acts can add up independently to produce great change. I was thoroughly impressed with the staff, the other Fellows, the curriculum and the execution of the program. I remain very grateful that I was chosen to participate, and I look forward to contributing to the FASPE community for years to come.

Ken Hampshire, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

FASPE has changed the way I think about business and its purpose. I had conceptualized business as more than shareholder profits before, but never had the vocabulary or arguments to say why. Now I do. Additionally, Auschwitz I and Birkenau impacted me greatly, and I want to make sure that I use my career and whatever professional role or stature I attain to put in place safeguards that prevent such atrocities from happening again.

Ruirui Kuang, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

FASPE offers a deeply valuable experience. The opportunity to discuss, debate and innovate with some of the best and brightest young minds is truly unparalleled. Through FASPE, we had critical conversations in the classroom that should be held in boardrooms everywhere. And this is just the beginning. As I embark on my career, I know I will face ethical challenges and professional dilemmas. But I also know that I will have the lessons and support of the FASPE community, empowering me with the insight and confidence to make the right choice. This gives me profound hope for our future together.

Ho Yee Cynthia Lam, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

FASPE helped me develop the moral imagination to see the ethical dimensions to my work and equipped me with historical analogies to inform my decisions and actions.

Rob Moore, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

FASPE gave me a heightened awareness of the effect business decisions can have on individuals, the community, the environment and the world. It also gave me a stronger sense of the obligation we have to understand all of the consequences of our decisions and the active engagement it takes to identify and understand when those consequences may pose ethical dilemmas.

Paul Scholten, FASPE Business Fellow 2018

The depth of the FASPE Business Fellowship struck me as the perfect balance between historical analysis of the corrosion of universal ethical values among professionals and society at large in Nazi Germany, and the relevancy of educating and inspiring our generation of professionals to be better, more ethical leaders. Studying many of the moving parts, active or otherwise, in which Nazi Germany's civil society collaborated to create the Holocaust, was a haunting experience that FASPE channeled in a respectful yet powerful way towards becoming ethical professionals with a critical mindset.

FASPE's broad range of discussions allowed me to create an extensive map of ethical values. Ethical responsibility permeates every aspect of our professional roles, from the promotion of gender equity to data privacy. FASPE stimulated all participants to become agents of change to develop and expand the ethical fabric of the business world. I am sure I will rely and make use of the network I have created to strengthen the integrity of my future decisions.

A powerful, recurrent topic of the discussions within the FASPE Fellowship is how everyday decisions can have ripple effects in our society. Debate during those sessions helped me to put into perspective many issues that I marginally considered relevant for business ethics before joining the Fellowship. Now I am developing an instinct to identify those ethical crossroads.

The cybersecurity and artificial intelligence technologies I will help to develop in the upcoming years are for the most part uncharted ethical minefields. FASPE granted me the tools to strengthen my moral compass and to appreciate the central role that business ethics needs to play in my career. FASPE helped me create a space for me and other young professionals to develop both an individual and collective sense of ethical responsibility. Confronting the gray areas of our business practices and the implications of my actions helps me shape the consequential leader I want to become.

Marc Toledo, FASPE Business Fellow 2018