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Fr. Steven Bell, CSP

Paulist Mission Priest; FASPE Clergy Faculty

Fr. Steven Bell, CSP, leads parish missions, retreats, revivals and workshops, all of which consider the importance of reconciliation and healing.

Fr. Steve previously served as associate director of Newman Hall / Holy Spirit Parish at the University of California at Berkeley and associate director of St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

To hear some of his powerful homilies at the Newman Center, please visit this [podcast archive](#).

He also **previously served** as associate pastor of St. Austin Church in Austin, TX, and as associate director of **Busted Halo's** media ministry.

Fr. Steve serves on the Board of Directors of Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) and is a member of FASPE's Clergy Faculty.

A native of Washington, D.C., Fr. Steve was ordained a priest on June 22, 2008, by then-Archbishop Edwin O'Brien of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



Helen I. Bendix

Associate Justice, Second District, California Court of Appeal

Associate Justice Helen I. Bendix was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One, on April 17, 2018, after having served on the trial court for almost 21 years.

Her judicial career began when Governor Pete Wilson appointed her to the Municipal Court in 1997, where she presided over a misdemeanor trial court. She was elevated to the Superior Court in 2000, where she was assigned to a general jurisdiction civil trial court and then a settlement court. As a Superior Court judge, she presided over constitutional, commercial and personal injury cases, including a constitutional challenge to public pension rights, employment, real estate, intellectual property and products liability cases. Prior to her appointment as an appellate justice, she was the Supervising Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court settlement courts. In that capacity, she settled over 1000 cases from the complex and general civil jurisdiction courts.

She attended Cornell University as a scholarship student. At Cornell, she earned high academic honors including membership in Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. She earned her law degree from Yale Law School.

After law school, Justice Bendix clerked in Los Angeles for the Honorable Shirley Mount Hufstедler on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then moved to Washington, D.C. for eight years, where she worked on a wide variety of legal matters, including an administrative appeal before the United States Supreme Court, negotiating an agriculture treaty with an African country, obtaining refugee status for an employee of a South American embassy, and litigation on behalf of a subcontractor regarding construction of the major military hospital in the area. She also started a program that provided free legal services to the elderly. She returned to Los Angeles in 1985 and worked at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, and later as a partner in Heller, Ehrman, White, and McAuliffe. At these firms, she handled antitrust, securities, and corporate matters, and at Heller, Ehrman, headed the Los Angeles office's committee to provide free legal services to those in need, and was active in other public service work.

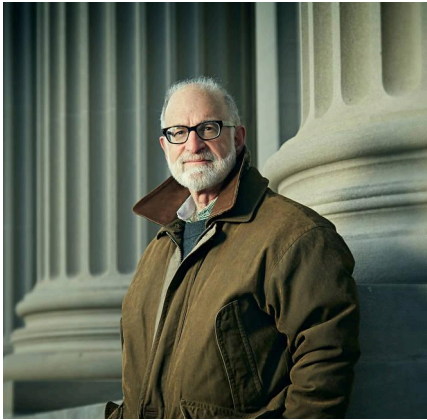
Before becoming a judge, she was general counsel of KCET, a public television station in Los Angeles.



Nina Bondre
Senior LDPR Specialist, Medtronic;
2024 FASPE Business Fellow

Nina Bondre currently works at Medtronic in Strategic Finance. She graduated from The Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) with an MBA and a major in Health Care Management. Nina received her Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics from Northwestern University and her BS in Neuroscience from Duke University. Prior to Medtronic, she was a Certified Prosthetist Orthotist and Clinical Educator. Nina serves on the Board of Directors for The Orthotics and Prosthetics Foundation

for Education and Research. She was named the 2022 O&P Woman of the Year for her contributions to the O&P community and profession.



David Goldman
Chair, FASPE

David Goldman is the founder and Chairman of the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE). FASPE promotes ethical leadership within the professions, using the unique lens of the actions, choices, rationales and motivations of their professional counterparts in Nazi Germany as a starting point for analysis of contemporary professionalism and professional responsibility. FASPE provides graduate students in professional schools and early career professionals with fellowships to study professional ethics, responsibility and leadership. The Fellowships now focus on Business, the Clergy, Journalism, Law, Medicine and Technology. FASPE also conducts ethical leadership training for professionals (and leadership) within law firms, consulting firms, private equity funds and other corporate organizations.

David, now retired, was a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. He served as the head of the firm's International Corporate Practice and as head of the firm's New York office. David's practice focused on corporate counseling in a variety of settings and industries.

David has served on the board of a number of for-profit and non-profit organizations. He was chairman of the Auschwitz Jewish Center and was formerly on the Board of Directors of the Yale Law School Fund.

David is a graduate of Washington University (BA, 1973) and Yale Law School (JD, 1976). He lives in Princeton, New Jersey.



Gabriel Kahn
Professor of Professional Practice of Journalism;
FASPE Journalism Faculty

Gabriel Kahn studies the disruption and evolution of the news industry and works on data-driven projects that promote innovation in the profession of journalism.

He has worked as a newspaper correspondent and editor for three decades, including 10 years at *The Wall Street Journal*, where he served as Los Angeles bureau chief, deputy Hong Kong bureau chief, and deputy Southern Europe bureau chief, based in Rome.

He joined USC Annenberg in the Fall of 2010, where he jointly runs the **Media, Economics and Entrepreneurship program**. The goal of M{2e} is to bolster students' understanding of economics and encourage innovation and experimentation with new ideas in communication and journalism.

Kahn has worked to enhance USC Annenberg's curriculum to include more opportunities for entrepreneurship among journalists. He also launched the economics and business reporting track in USC Annenberg's **master of arts in specialized journalism program**.



Mark Katrikh
Deputy Director, Museum of Tolerance

Mark Katrikh is the Deputy Director, Museum of Tolerance. As Deputy Director, Mark is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Museum and provides oversight of staff and supports external visitor experiences and all educational programming. Mark spent the bulk of his career at the Museum supervising the Professional Development Programs. His main area of expertise has been training for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice professionals. Since 1996, the programs have trained over 200,000 professionals. Mark has authored or coauthored several papers and regularly presents workshops at a variety of national conferences and at other organizations.



Danijel Skrelja
Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Los Angeles

Before joining the diplomatic service in 2017, Danijel worked in public relations in Munich and Frankfurt.

He held positions in Protocol and in the European Directorate-General at the Federal Foreign Office's headquarters in Berlin.

He joined the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Los Angeles as Deputy Consul General in July 2024.



Thorsten Wagner
Executive Director for Academics, FASPE

Thorsten Wagner is the Executive Director for Academics at FASPE and has been involved with the organization since its beginnings in 2009. He is a German historian, who grew up in Denmark and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Tübingen, Germany, and his graduate work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Technische Universität Berlin, and the Freie Universität Berlin, earning his MA from the TU Berlin in 1998. Living in Berlin for about two decades, Thorsten worked as a research fellow at the Danish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and started teaching at the Humboldt University in Berlin. From 2010-2019, he held a permanent position as Associate Professor at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad/University of Copenhagen. Having authored numerous academic publications in the fields of Modern German and European Jewish History, antisemitism, Holocaust studies, cultures of memory, and Israeli history and society, he also worked as the historical consultant for the acclaimed documentary “Germans and Jews”, dealing with contemporary Germany, its relationship to its Nazi past and the reemergence of Jewish life. He, his wife Johanna and their two children live in New York City.