

FASPE Design & Technology Fellowship Schedule 2025

Pre-Travel - Wednesday, 21 May

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Pre-Program Travel Day - Thursday, 22 May

Fellows in America Depart U.S. to Berlin

Arrival Day - Friday, 23 May

Morning	Fellows greeted at airport & placed in taxis to hotel	<u>Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103</u>
Upon Arrival	Please look out for FASPE staff (Rebecca, Thorsten, Maya) in the lobby, and be sure to complete registration, obtain welcome materials, and claim stipend upon arrival Hotel will store luggage if check-in is not yet available	
	Free time to explore Berlin (maps available at hotel)	
3:00-5:00pm	Check-in at hotel	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
5:30 PM	Assemble by small interdisciplinary group	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
5:45 PM	Depart for dinner	
6:00-7:00pm	Meet & greet drinks	<u>24)</u>
7:00-8:30pm	Dinner	

Program Day 1 - Saturday, 24 May (Berlin): Orientation

7:45am	Breakfast	<u>103</u>
8:00	Meet in lobby and depart hotel	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
8:30 – 9:30am	<i>Welcome and Introductions (Interdisciplinary) -- David Goldman, Thorsten Wagner, Rebecca Scott, Maya Dobler</i>	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
9:30-9:40am	Coffee break	
	Session 1: Nazi Ethics (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner 9:40-10:15 - Introduction 10:15-10:25 - Break/transition time 10:25-11:05 - Discussion by cohort 11:05-11:15 - Break/transition 11:15-12:00 - Plenary discussion	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
9:40-12:00pm		
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch with small interdisciplinary groups (I)	<u>Location: Atrium</u>
	Session 2: D&T Introductory Session (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Thorsten Be prepared to share your top 2 sessions you would like to facilitate. In the session you facilitate, we encourage you to draw on the recommended readings for the class discussion.	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
1:00-2:15pm		
2:15-3:00pm	Coffee Break	

	Session 3: Defining Yourself as a D&T Professional, Articulating Values (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Thorsten This session will open with a quick reintroduction and something new that you'd like to add to the "Selfie Bingo" game (e.g., a fun fact about you that you discovered connects to other Fellows). We will also discuss the values and competencies that you each consider central to your profession. We will then review our Community Charter, to see if we want to add any shared, optional daily practices to our cohort meetings (e.g., playlist suggestions; moment of silence/mindfulness; exercise; game) and identify core values that brought us to this Fellowship experience.	
3:00-4:30pm		<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
4:30-4:45pm	Coffee break, Transition time to main room	
4:45-5:45pm	Session 4: The Transformation of German Society in the 1930s and the Role of the Professionals (Interdisciplinary) - Thorsten Wagner	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
5:45-7:15pm	Break	
7:15 PM	Meet in lobby to depart for dinner	
7:30 PM	Dinner with cohort	
Program Day 2 - Sunday, 25 May (Berlin): Professionals in the Early Years of the Third Reich		
7:30am	Breakfast	<u>103</u>
7:30	Meet in lobby, get a Whisper set	
7:45-8:30 AM	(Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner	<u>(Seville)</u>
8:30 – 12:00pm	Walking tour of Berlin (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner Be sure to return your Whisper set to Maya/Jannis at the end of the tour	<u>Location: Outdoors/walking tour</u>
12:45pm	Lunch	<u>(Niederkirchnerstraße 7, 10963 Berlin,</u>
1:00-2:15pm	Terror Educators	<u>10963 Berlin, Germany</u>
2:15-2:45pm	Time to explore exhibit on own	
4:00pm	Technologists have Politics? (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) -	<u>Location: ToT seminar room</u>
4:00-4:15pm	Break	
4:15-5:30pm	Session 7: The Role of the Professional in Nazi Germany (Rebecca Scott) In this session, FASPE staff will give an overview of the historical background of the role of your particular profession throughout the course of the Nazi regime.	<u>Location: ToT seminar room</u>
5:30-7:00pm	Free time	
6:15 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	<u>Location: hotel lobby</u>
7:00 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby	
7:15 PM	Dinner	<u>(Oranienburger Str. 45, 10117 Berlin,</u>
Program Day 3 - Monday, 26 May (Berlin): Moral Neutrality & Dehumanization & Othering: Creating Universes of		
7:45am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel</u>
8:00	Meet to depart for Brandenburg	<u>Location: Hotel Lobby</u>
8:10	Board Bus	
8:15-10:15am	will be provided on the bus	
10:30 – 11:45pm	Guided Visit of the Memorial Site and Exhibition (Center Educators)	<u>Location: Nicolaipl. 28/30, 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel</u>

1:00 – 2:15pm	Session 8: Interdisciplinary Session 1 - The Case of Topf & Sons Using the case of Topf & Sons as a launching pad, each discipline track will discuss whether/when being a professional can be morally neutral; we will then gather as a whole to learn from the perspectives of other professions.	Location: University for Medicine, Nicolaipplatz 19, 14770;
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30 – 4:00pm	Session 9: “Othering” as a Power Move (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray)- David This session will examine how technological processes of abstraction, categorization, and classification, as well as incentives to ‘scale’ technology and design are integral to the Profession. How might today’s approaches to technological innovation reinforce existing inequities? What are ways we might be able to challenge the distance between ‘end-users’ and the tech world?	Location: University for Medicine, Nicolaipplatz 19, 14770;
4:15 PM	Board bus to return to Berlin	
4:30 PM	Bus departs for Berlin	
4:30-6:30pm	Bus to Hotel	
7:15 PM	Meet in hotel lobby, depart for dinner	
7:30 PM	Dinner	185-190, 10117 Berlin, Germany)
Program Day 4 - Tuesday, 27 May (Berlin): Site visits by Cohort		
8:15am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
BUSINESS & DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY		
7:45	Meet in hotel lobby	
8:00	Depart for Schöneeweide Nazi Forced Labor Documentation Center	
9:00-1:00pm	Program at Schöneeweide	Location: Britzer Straße 5, 12439 Berlin
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 5 - Wednesday, 28 May (Berlin): Professional Responsibility		
6:30-7:30am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
7:45	Meet in hotel lobby	Location: Hotel Lobby
8:00	(GHWK) visiting memorial installation in the Bavarian Quarter en	
9:30-10:45am	Introduction & Guided Visit (GHWK educators)	Location: Am Großen Wannsee 56-58
11:15am	Self-guided time/questions for educators	
11:15-12:30pm	Session 10: profession-specific workshops, offered by GHWK educators	Location: 2nd Floor
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch [staggered timing to avoid all three groups going at the same time]	
2:00-2:30pm	Break, time to explore grounds on own	
2:30-4:00pm	Session 11: Interdisciplinary Session 2 - What’s Ours to do Together (Part A)? We will introduce the case of ClozedSchmicropoogle, a fictional company launching a generative AI product for health services applications. We’ll investigate how each discipline addresses risk minimization separately and together.	Location: 2nd Floor
4:00 PM	Board Bus to Grunewald	

4:30-5:15pm	Visit to Train Station Grunewald / Track 17	<u>Location: Am Bahnhof Grunewald</u>
5:15 PM	Berlin)	
5:45pm -	Dinner on own in Small Interdisciplinary Groups (II) - fellows only	<u>Location: fellows to find location on their own</u>
Program Day 6 - Thursday, 29 May (Berlin): Role Morality & Competing Obligations, Normalization		
10:00	Meet in hotel lobby	
10:15-12:00pm	Session 12: Interdisciplinary Session 3 - What's Ours to do Together (Part B)? We continue the case of ClozedSchmicropoogle and our investigation how the disciplines might respond and communicate to others in times of rapid change.	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, room 2a</u>
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00-2:30pm	Session 13: Role Morality & Competing Obligations - Konrad Morgen (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Thorsten Fellows will read disclosure policies and other attempts to set norms and social expectations of technology's proper 'use' and discuss: do similar policies exist in other professions? What disclaimers should exist alongside tech? Are there other responsibilities that technologists should take on to identify and mitigate the risks and benefits of the systems that they help create? Prepare for the following: Fellows will be asked to reflect on the code of ethics or conduct from a professional association that they posted to Canvas before arriving. Does their example offer language or a tool for guiding ethical decision-making in design and tech? How does your sample Code align (or not) with the National Academies' study of responsible computing research?	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, lounge</u>
2:30-2:45pm	Coffee Break	
2:45-4:00pm	Session 14: Making and Unmaking the New Normal (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - David What was once unthinkable becomes thinkable. It then spurs actions that make an entirely new class of unthinkable things thinkable, and so on. But despite the magnitude of these changes, they occur gradually, ingrained in language, norms, and sociotechnical systems that too often go without the close examination they warrant. In this session, fellows will be asked to look for signs that the water they are in is slowly beginning to boil. What seemingly innocuous or mundane norms in the technology industry indicate a more dangerous trajectory?	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, lounge</u>
4:00-4:15pm	Coffee Break	
4:15-5:45pm	Session 15: Ethics and Artistic Representation: Those Who Walk Away from Omelas (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Thorsten FASPE is committed to using varied forms of instruction, including art and literature. For this session, we will ask faculty to lead a discussion based on the short story Those Who Walk Away from Omelas by Ursula K. LeGuin. This session may recall the theme of moral neutrality from earlier in the day.	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, lounge</u>
6:00pm -	Dinner	<u>Bahnbogen 203, Georgenstraße 203,</u>
Program Day 7 - Friday, 30 May (Berlin → Krakow): Travel Day		

6:30-7:15am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel Lobby
7:15	up lunch boxes	
7:30	Depart for train station	
8:52	Station	
4:09 PM	Arrive Krakow Główny station, ~20 minute walk to hotel	
4:30 PM	Check in to Amber Design Residence	Kraków, Poland
4:30pm –	Opportunity to attend services	
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 8 - Saturday, 31 May (Krakow): Complicity & Spielraum, Obedience & Loyalty		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
Morning	Free time. Opportunity to attend services.	
10:45	Meet outside hotel, depart for ICC	Location: Main square
11:00-12:15pm	Session 17: Feeding the Machine: The Complicity of Technologists (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Rebecca When operating within an unethical system, when does compromise serve to mitigate harm, and when does it make a technologist complicit? When does mere participation in an unethical system, even with the best intentions, become unethical? And in such a situation, how does one make their own decision about whether to stay or leave, weighing the power to “make a difference” from the inside vs. participating in unethical ends.	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
12:15 PM	Pick up sandwich and Whisper set	
12:30-2:45pm	Return Whisper set at conclusion of the tour	Location: outdoors / walking tour
3:00-5:00pm	Session 16: Polish History, Memory, and Identity (Lukasz Krzyzanowski)	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
5:00-5:15pm	Coffee Break	
5:15-6:30pm	Session 18: Obedience & Loyalty - Berthelot (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - Thorsten This session will use the historical case of an engineering professional (Jean Berthelot) to reflect on the theme of Obedience & Loyalty-- described under Theme 5 of the Faculty Handbook. FASPE will provide a historical case study to read and we will look at the tensions that arise when “duel use of technologies” intersect with national interests.	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
6:45-7:45pm	Dinner	Location: Kawaleria (Gołębia 4, 31-007)
8:00-9:30pm	Session 19: Reading of Ideation	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
9:30 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	Location: TBA
Program Day 9 - Sunday, 1 June (Krakow/Oswiecim): Auschwitz I		
8:00-11:00am	Breakfast at hotel Hotel checkout by 11:00am, large luggage can be stored Opportunity for Sunday services Free time in Krakow	
11:45	Meet to board bus, have luggage for next 2 nights ready with you	Location: Hotel Lobby

12:00-1:15pm	Bus to Oswiecim; Arrive at Hotel Galicja (store bags)	Location: Generała Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 119, 32-600 Oświęcim, Poland
1:30-3:00pm	Visiting Auschwitz (Thorsten Wagner)	Location: Hotel Galicja
3:00 PM	Board bus for Auschwitz I	
3:30-6:30pm	Guided tour of Auschwitz I	
6:30 PM	Board bus for hotel	
7:30 PM	Dinner	Location: Hotel Galicja
8:30 PM	Opportunities for Group Reflection: (i) attend faculty-led discussion, (ii) attend unstructured discussions with fellows, (iii) quiet/silent time with fellows (sketching, journaling, etc)	Location: Hotel Galicja
Program Day 10 - Monday, 2 June (Oswiecim): Auschwitz-Birkenau		
6:30-7:00am	Breakfast at hotel	
7:00	Board bus for Auschwitz-Birkenau	
7:30-11:30am	Guided tour of Birkenau	
12:00 PM	Board bus for AJC	
12:15-1:45pm	Lunch at Auschwitz Jewish Center	(Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5
2:45-7:00pm	Opportunities for Reflection: (i) Board Bus at 2:45 to return to hotel*; (ii) time in town; (iii) Remain at Center and have self-guided time or (iv) journal/reflect in conference rooms; (v) join faculty-moderated conversation and then [Board bus at 3:45] to return to Auschwitz I, Auschwitz Birkenau, or return to hotel (vi) walking tour of Oswiecim *those who return to hotel at 2:45pm and would also like to return to visit Auschwitz I or Birkenau should board the bus outside the hotel at 4:00pm	
7:00 PM	Board bus to hotel (for those at Auschwitz or Birkenau)	
7:30-9:30pm	Dinner	Location: Hotel Galicja
Program Day 11 - Tuesday, 3 June: Post-Auschwitz		
9:15am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
9:00	Faculty/staff meeting	
9:30	Store bags on the bus	
9:45-10:30am	Small interdisciplinary group check-in/reflection (III)	conference room available,
10:45-12:15pm	Session 20 - Walking Away From Auschwitz Fellows will have the option to choose to attend one of the following sessions, each focusing on a different means through which people have sought to move forward while grappling with the existence of Auschwitz and its implications: Processing through Art and Literature: Visiting the Gerhard Richter Birkenau cycle followed by discussion of art, literature & poetry (Rebecca & David) Processing through Justice: A discussion of post-Holocaust legal reckonings (Thorsten)	
12:15 PM	Board bus	
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch at AJC	(Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5

1:15-2:30pm	Session 21 - My profession and Auschwitz (Rebecca Scott, Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) Fellows will be asked to share observations about where they saw their profession present or implicated in the building, running, or creation of the camp system, and to reflect on what they take away.	Location: AJC synagogue
2:30-4:00pm	Bus ride back to Krakow	
4:00 PM	Check back into hotel	
4:00-	Dinner on own, free time	
Program Day 12 - Wednesday, 4 June (Krakow): Motivations and Self-Awareness /Resistance, Agency, & Tactics		
9:30am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
9:45	Meet to depart for Galicia Museum	Location: Front of hotel
10:15-11:45am	Session 22: Reimagine, Remake, Refuse: Creating Professional Tech Ethics from the Ground Up (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray) - David Drawing on our practice (in the first interdisciplinary session) using a case study approach and our discussions about community engagement to examine professional ethics, we will use this session to discuss in small groups: How could we 'reverse engineer' ubiquitous surveillance? At what stages might technologists have been able to intervene? What are the fundamental technological and social components that would have needed to be addressed to create a different future (including its demise?) for facial recognition technologies? How could other professions support your remedies to the 'Othering' effects wrought by tech in this case study?	Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)
12:00pm	Coffee Break	
12:15 – 1:15pm	Session 23: Technologist, Heal Thy Self (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray)- Rebecca This session will ask fellows to reflect on their own personal assumptions and narratives about what it means to be 'good at tech.' What draws you to this profession? Which of the dominant frames about the tech profession, discussed in your readings and sessions together, resonate with you (e.g., make you proud, worried, or something else, about being in tech)? Which frames do you want to challenge? How would you describe your motivations for entering this profession with someone you loved who didn't understand a tech career? What do you hope you'll feel by the end of your career in tech? What would help you arrive at that feeling?	Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch	31-052 Kraków, Poland)
2:30 – 3:45pm	Session 24: Business & Tech ID session - IBM - (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray, Brooke Vuckovic, Rob Hayward) - David and Thorsten	Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)
3:45-4:00pm	Break	
4:00-6:00pm	Tale of Two Stories	31-052 Kraków, Poland)
7:00 PM	Dinner	Location: Boscaiola (Szewska 10)
Program Day 13 - Thursday, 5 June (Krakow): Looking Back, Looking Forward		
9:15am	Breakfast	

9:30	Meet in front of hotel to depart for Galicia	
11:00am	Session 26: Wrapping Up (surveys, etc)	31-052 Kraków, Poland)
11:15am	Coffee Break	
12:15pm	Final Small Interdisciplinary group meeting (IV)	other locations nearby according to
12:30pm	Break	
12:30-1:30pm	Session 27: What we carry in our coding libraries - Where do we go from here? (Kasia Chmielinski, Mary L. Gray)- Rebecca We have covered a range of topics and (hopefully) raised more questions than answers while reflecting on the role of professional ethics in tech (and in our lives as technologists). The aim of this last session is to see the range of constructive interventions available to us, particularly as actors located in a range of positions across a powerful professional landscape. How might we see each other as allies and accomplices in stewarding 'ethical tech?' How might we best hold each other accountable for the power dynamics that make us stronger together than as individual agents of change?	Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)
1:30-7:00pm	Free time in Krakow, lunch on own	
7:00 PM	weather permitting)	
7:30 PM	Final Dinner	32, Kraków)
Departure Day - Friday, 6 June (Krakow → USA): (Travel Day)		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast at hotel	
11:00	Hotel checkout	
Morning Airline Departures. Hotel checkout by noon. FASPE will provide group transport to the airport for those departing today.		
Post-Program		
Join the Alumni Portal:		
Add your photos to our shared google album:		