

FASPE Clergy & Religious Leaders Fellowship Schedule 2025

Pre-Travel - Wednesday, 18 June

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Pre-Program Travel Day - Thursday, 19 June

Fellows in America Depart U.S. to Berlin

Arrival Day - Friday, 20 June

Morning	Fellows greeted at airport & placed in taxis to hotel	Location: Melia Berlin (Friedrichstraße 103)
Upon Arrival	Please look out for FASPE staff (Rebecca, Thorsten, Maya) in the lobby, and be sure to complete registration with them 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	Location: Hotel lobby
5:30 PM	Assemble by small interdisciplinary group	Location: Hotel lobby
5:45 PM	Depart for dinner	
6:00-7:00pm	Meet & greet drinks	Location: Hopfingerbräu (Ebertstraße 24)
7:00-8:30pm	Dinner	

Program Day 1 - Saturday, 21 June (Berlin): The Power of Professions & Evaluating Professional Values

6:30 – 7:45am	Breakfast	Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103
8:00 AM	Meet in lobby; assemble in small interdisciplinary groups	Location: Hotel lobby
8:30 – 10:00am	Welcome and Introductions (Interdisciplinary) -- David Goldman, Thorsten Wagner, Rebecca Scott, Maya Dobler	Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin
10:00-10:15am	Coffee break	
10:15-11:30am	Session 1: Introductions --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Rebecca This session will be focused on: 1. Getting to know one another 2. Establishing a community charter (rules of engagement)	Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin
11:30-11:45am	Coffee Break	
11:45-1:00pm	Session 2: Defining Oneself as a Professional - Competencies & Values --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Thorsten	Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch with Small Interdisciplinary Groups (I)	
2:00-2:45pm	Session 4: Introduction to Contemporary Germany (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner	Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin
2:45-3:00pm	Bag drop at hotel, pick up Whisper set	
3:00-6:00pm	Walking tour of Berlin (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner <i>Return whisper sets at end of tour</i>	
6:00-7:15pm	Break	
7:15 PM	Meet in hotel lobby to depart for dinner	

		Location: JOURNALISM COHORT - Hummus & Friends (Oranienburger Str. 27 (Thorsten) CLERGY & RELIGIOUS LEADERS COHORT - acht&dreissig (Oranienburger Str. 38) (David) MEDICAL COHORT - Sagrantino (Behrenstraße 47) (Rebecca)
7:30 PM	Dinner with cohort	
Program Day 2 - Sunday, 22 June (Berlin): Professionals in the Early Years of the Third Reich		
6:30 – 7:30am	Breakfast	Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103
7:45 – 10:00am	Session 5: Nazi Ethics (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner 7:45-8:25 - Introduction & viewing of Himmler's 1943 speech at Posen 8:25-8:35 - Break/transition time 8:35-9:15 - Breakout discussions by cohort 9:15-9:20 - Return to plenary 9:20-10:00 - Plenary discussion	Location: Hotel conference room
10:00-10:15am	Break	
10:15-11:15am	The Transformation of German Society in the 1930s and the Role of the Professionals (Interdisciplinary) - Thorsten Wagner	Location: Hotel conference room
11:15-12:00pm	Walk to lunch	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	Location: Beba at Gropius Bau (Niederkirchnerstraße 7, 10963 Berlin, Germany)
1:00-2:15pm	Guided introduction to Topography of Terror – Topography of Terror Educators	Location: Niederkirchnerstraße 8, 10963 Berlin, Germany
2:15-2:45pm	Time to explore exhibit on own	
2:45 – 4:00pm	Session 6: The Role of the Professional in Nazi Germany --- (Thorsten Wagner)	Location: ToT seminar room
4:00-4:15pm	Break	
4:15-5:30pm	Session 7: Complicity's Enticements --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - David Using a fictitious case study set in 1936 Nazi Germany entitled, "A Risky Wedding," this session will spotlight the moment of decision in the face of moral ambiguity. What mode of justification will you call upon when you reach the zero hour? How will you consider the reverberating impact of your individual decisions on the good of the whole when ethical and moral certainty are elusive? When is complicity compelling, in other words, when does complicity occur in the name of the greater good?	Location: ToT seminar room
5:30-7:00pm	Free time	
6:15 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	Location: hotel lobby
7:00 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby	
7:15 PM	Dinner	Location: Amrit Berlin Mitte (Oranienburger Str. 45, 10117 Berlin, Germany)
Program Day 3 - Monday, 23 June (Berlin): Moral Neutrality & Normalization, Complicity & Spielraum		
10:00 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	

10:15-12:00pm	Session 8: Interdisciplinary Session 1 - Topf & Sons (Moral Neutrality)	Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, room 2a
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00-2:30pm	Session 9: What Else is True? Perceiving the Hard to Perceive --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Rebecca Through attunement to the quiet frequencies of images, this session interrogates imperceptible forms of quotidian violence. Recognizing the lure of spectacle and privileging so-called “real” violence that leaves blood on the ground, we will instead consider professional conduct and decisions that unwittingly conceal the normalization of everyday violence.	Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center
2:30-2:45pm	Coffee Break	
2:45-4:00pm	Session 10: When Should Good Habits Be Broken? --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Thorsten This session grapples with habits of cooperation, assumptions of powerlessness and the universe of obligation through a study of military chaplains in Nazi Germany. How do we navigate wiggle room opportunities accompanied by professional risk? When do we use access to wiggle room for ethical purposes, and, as Doris Bergen puts it, “When does compromise become betrayal and when does it turn into a trap?”	Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center
4:00-4:15pm	Coffee Break	
4:15-5:45pm	Session 11: Spiritual Bypassing --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - David Ursula Le Guin’s short story, Those Who Walk Away from Omelas will be the prism through which to discuss moral neutrality as a form of spiritual bypassing, a means to avoid moral responsibility, along with perceived impotence and risks in taking a stand as a religious leader.	Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, room
5:45pm -	Dinner on own in Small Interdisciplinary Groups (II) - fellows only	Location: Fellows to coordinate and find location on their own
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 4 - Tuesday, 24 June (Berlin): Site visits by Cohort		
6:30 – 8:15am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
CLERGY & RELIGIOUS LEADERS		
8:00 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	
9:00-2:00pm	Program at Martin-Niemöller-House	
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1:00pm -	Free time, lunch and dinner on own	
Program Day 5 - Wednesday, 25 June (Berlin): Dehumanizing & Othering: Creating Universes of Obligation		
6:30 – 7:45am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
8:00 AM	Meet to depart for Brandenburg	Location: Hotel Lobby
8:10 AM	Board Bus	
8:15-10:15am	Bus to Brandenburg “Euthanasia” Center and Memorial – Context will be provided on the bus	
10:30 – 11:45pm	Guided Visit of the Memorial Site and Exhibition (Center Educators)	Location: Nicolaipl. 28/30, 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel
11:45 -12:00pm	Self-guided time	
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch	Location: Brandenburg Memorial seminar room

1:00 – 2:15pm	Session 12: Dohrmann and Werthmann Case Study--- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Thorsten	Location: University for Medicine, Nicolaipplatz 19, 14770;
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30 – 4:00pm	Session 13: What Makes a Life Worth Living-and Who Gets to Decide? - Medical & Clergy --- (Suzanne Koven, Bob Truog, Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Thorsten We will discuss a case in which clergy and physicians both struggle with how to counsel a woman whose husband has a critical brain injury. What makes a life worth living and who gets to decide? How can we reconcile a patient's or family member's religious beliefs with standard medical practice?	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	
7:30 PM	Dinner	Location: Nolle Restaurant (S-Bahnbogen 203, Georgenstraße 203, 10117)
Program Day 6 - Thursday, 26 June May (Berlin): Professional Responsibility		
6:30-7:30am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
7:45 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	Location: Hotel Lobby
8:00 AM	Board Bus and depart for House of the Wannsee Conference (GHWK) visiting memorial installation in the Bavarian Quarter en route	
9:30-10:45am	Introduction & Guided Visit (GHWK educators)	Location: Am Großen Wannsee 56-58
10:45-11:15am	Self-guided time/questions for educators	
11:15-12:30pm	Session 14: profession-specific workshops, offered by GHWK educators	Location: TBA by educator
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 15: Rules and Responsibility This interdisciplinary session takes place after we have visited places of commemoration of the daily persecution of Jews in ordinary Berlin neighborhoods and in the house where the decision was made for the industrial killing of millions of European Jews. The session will give us the chance to reflect on the question of how we would have acted as the norms and rules around us change and a new normal is established. How would we act in an environment with rules or expectations we feel increasingly uneasy about? Would we have stuck to the rules or would we have found reasons, methods, courage and creativity to resist?	Location: Seminar building
4:00 PM	Board Bus to Grunewald	
4:30-5:15pm	Visit to Train Station Grunewald / Track 17	Location: Am Bahnhof Grunewald
5:15 PM	Board Bus back to Hotel (optional drop-off in downtown West-Berlin)	
5:45pm -	Dinner on own and free time	
Program Day 7 - Friday, 27 June (Berlin → Krakow): Travel Day		
6:30-7:00am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel Lobby

	Assemble in lobby with all luggage & pick up lunch boxes Luggage will be sent to Krakow via van, please load your luggage onto the van (be sure to keep with you any items you'd like to have during the journey and upon arrival in Krakow, as the luggage may arrive a few hours after we do)	
7:15 AM	ABC group check-in and board bus to train station	
8:49am-4:03pm	Train EC59, carriage 267 -- departure 8:49am from Berlin Gesundbrunnen station - arrival 4:03pm Krakow Główny station, walk to hotel (~20 min)	
4:30 PM	Check in to hotel Amber Design Residence	Location: Świętego Marka 35, 31-024 Kraków, Poland
4:30pm –	Free evening in Krakow Opportunity to attend services Dinner on own	
Program Day 8 - Saturday, 28 June (Krakow): Role Morality & Competing Obligations, Obedience and Loyalty		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast	Location: Coffee & Wine (Szpitalna 34)
Morning	Free time. Opportunity to attend services.	
10:45 AM	Meet in front of hotel	Location: Hotel
11:00-12:15pm	Session 17: The Power of a Healing Lie - Medical and Clergy --- (Suzanne Koven, Bob Truog, Andrea White, Leah Cohen Tenenbaum) - Rebecca Truth-telling is a foundational principle that applies across all of the professions. But is it an absolute principle, or are there justified exceptions? Even if certain cultures accept that a lack of truthfulness is acceptable in some circumstances, should professionals “go along” with the practice, or should they insist on upholding their professional obligations?	Location: Historical Museum of Kraków, Rynek Główny 35, 31-011)
12:15 PM	Pick up sandwiches and Whisper sets	
12:30-3:00pm	Walking tour of Krakow (Adam Musiał) Return Whisper sets at conclusion of tour	
3:30-5:00pm	Session 16: Polish History, Memory, and Identity (Lukasz Krzyzanowski)	Location: Historical Museum of Kraków, Rynek Główny 35, 31-011)
5:00-5:15pm	Coffee Break	
5:15-6:30pm	Session 18: A Peculiar Solidarity --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Rebecca Through a critical reading of testimonies given by Nazi perpetrators, this session examines what is psychologically possible in the making of atrocity—declarations of compassion while engaging acts of violence, admissions of complicity yet refusing responsibility, obedience and loyalty as justificatory grounds for the unthinkable. Perpetrator testimony reveals strategies of self-deception and denial, but more poignantly, common human foibles and the realization that perpetrators are “human like us.” In light of competing loyalties and relying on perpetrator-as-pedagogue, we will ask, what is the extent or limit of loyalty and obedience to your endorsing or ordaining body? When might obedience and loyalty to holy orders, sacred vows or divine command ethics lead to moral disengagement or abdication of responsibility?	Location: Historical Museum of Kraków, Rynek Główny 35, 31-011)
6:45-7:45pm	Dinner	Location: Kawaleria (Gołębia 4, 31-007)
8:00-9:30pm	Session 19: Reading of Queen	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, Kraków)

9:30 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	Location: TBA
Program Day 9 - Sunday, 29 June (Krakow/Oswiecim): Auschwitz I		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast at hotel cafe Hotel checkout by 10:30am, large luggage can be stored at the hotel until our return and you can bring a smaller overnight bag if you wish. Opportunity for Sunday services Free time in Krakow	Location: Coffee & Wine (Szpitalna 34)
10:45 AM	Meet to board bus, have any luggage that you will bring with you for the next two nights ready with you	Location: In front of hotel
11:00-12:15pm	Bus to Oswiecim; Arrive at Hotel Galicja (store bags)	Location: Generała Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 119, 32-600 Oświęcim, Poland
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch Visiting Auschwitz (Thorsten Wagner)	Location: Hotel Galicja
2:00-3:00pm	Visit to villa where Auschwitz commandant Rudolf Höss and his family lived, located on the perimeter of the camp	
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 restaurant
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, 30 June (Oswiecim): Auschwitz-Birkenau		
7:00-7:45am	Breakfast at hotel	
8:00 AM	Board bus for Auschwitz-Birkenau	
8:30-12:30pm	Guided tour of Birkenau	
1:00 PM	Board bus for AJC	
1:15-2:45pm	Lunch at Auschwitz Jewish Center	Location: Auschwitz Jewish Center (Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5 32-600 Oświęcim)
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 outdoor pavilion
Program Day 11 - Tuesday, 1 July: Post-Auschwitz		
7:00 – 9:15am	Breakfast	Location: Hotel
9:00 AM	Faculty/staff meeting	
9:30 AM	Store bags on the bus	
9:45-10:30am	Small Interdisciplinary group check-in/reflection (III)	Location: Hotel Galicja 3rd floor conference room

	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: <u>Visual Art:</u> Visiting the Gerhard Richter Birkenau cycle exhibit followed by discussion (Thorsten) <u>Literature:</u> Through the examination of a poem and selected excerpts of works by Holocaust survivors and scholars, we will explore how and whether we can or should make meaning in the wake of Auschwitz, and the possibilities and limits of language in that process. (Rebecca) <u>Spirituality/Religion:</u> How can we make sense of faith and existence/relationship to a higher power in the aftermath of the camp? (Leah and Andrea)	
10:45-12:00pm		
12:00 PM	Board bus	
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch at AJC	
1:15-2:30pm	Session 21 - My profession and Auschwitz -- Journalism & Clergy --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White, Peter Frey, Andie Tucher) - Thorsten and David	Location: AJC conference room
2:30-4:00pm	Bus ride back to Krakow	
4:15 PM	Check back into Amber Design Residence hotel	
4:15-	Dinner on own, free time	
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 12 - Wednesday, 2 July (Krakow): Motivations and Self-Awareness /Resistance, Agency, & Tactics		
8:00 – 10:00am	Breakfast	Location: Coffee & Wine (Szpitalna 34)
10:00 AM	Meet to depart for day's sessions	Location: In front of hotel
10:15-11:45am	Session 22: Risks of Resistance --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Rebecca A critical reading of acts of resistance will demonstrate the ambiguity and limits of ethics. How much discretion does a professional have? Given the demands of authority and professional risk how do we ethically navigate competing interests in a hierarchical structure? (Theme 8)	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
11:45-12:00pm	Coffee Break	
12:00– 1:15pm	Session 23: Reflections in Verse from Milosz and Niemöller --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - David This session centers on fostering ethical self-awareness in professional leadership by reflecting on the influences and temptations that can cloud ethical judgment. Fellows will explore how personal motivations can interfere with ethical behavior and discuss strategies for cultivating a habit of self-questioning and commitment to ethical beliefs. Through reflective discussions and poetry readings from Martin Niemöller's "First They Came" and Czeslaw Milosz's "A Song on the End of the World," fellows will consider how to support ethical integrity in their personal and professional lives. This session encourages honest introspection and strengthens the resolve to uphold ethical values amidst challenges. (Theme 7)	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch	Location: Chimera (Świętej Anny 3)

2:30 – 3:45pm	Session 24: Invoking Mercy: Power, Politics and Piety --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - Rebecca In this session, we will explore a brief clip from a compelling video of The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde addressing the soon-to-be inaugurated president of the United States during the National Cathedral's Service of Prayer for the Nation. The discussion will delve into how clergy and religious leaders, despite lacking traditional political or financial power, wield the profound influence of words—known as discursive power. Together, we will examine the source of Rev. Budde's authority, the strategies she employs to captivate and persuade her audience of one, and the transformative outcomes she seeks to achieve. As we reflect on her impactful approach, let us challenge ourselves to harness the power of words in our own spheres of influence to inspire our own professional ethics.	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
3:45 - 4:00pm	Coffee Break	
4:00-6:00pm	Session 25: Interdisciplinary Session 3 - The Case of Jahi McMath	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
6:15 PM	Dinner	Location: La Grande Mamma, Market Square 26, Kraków)
Program Day 13 - Thursday, 3 July (Krakow): Looking Back, Looking Forward		
8:00 – 9:30am	Breakfast	Location: Coffee & Wine (Szpitalna 34)
9:45 AM	Meet in front of hotel	
10:00-11:00am	Session 26: Wrapping Up (surveys, etc)	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
11:00-12:15pm	Final small interdisciplinary group meetings (IV)	Location: Find location on own (in classroom, on the Planty, on the square, etc.)
12:15-12:30pm	Break, transition back to seminar rooms	
12:30-1:30pm	Session 27: Party Talk --- (Leah Cohen Tenenbaum, Andrea White) - David This session will ask each fellow to share a two-minute preview of their capstone project as they envision it and take-aways from the FASPE experience.	Location: International Cultural Center Kraków (Rynek Główny 25 31-008 Kraków)
1:30-7:00pm	Free time in Krakow	
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner (we will take photos on the square on the way, weather permitting)	
7:30 PM	Final Dinner	Location: Miód i Wino (ul. Sławkowska 32, Kraków)
Departure Day - Friday, 4 July (Krakow → USA): (Travel Day)		
8:00-11:00am	Breakfast	
11:00 AM	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		
Complete the Capstone Project (due Sept 15; see Canvas for details).		