About FASPE:

FASPE’s mission is to promote ethical leadership within the professions, recognizing the influential role that professionals play in the broader communities. www.faspe-ethics.org

Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) provides a unique historical lens to study contemporary ethics and the responsibility for ethical leadership in the professions. FASPE offers fellowships to students pursuing professional degrees in business, the clergy, journalism, law, medicine, and design & technology, as well as to early-career professionals in these fields. Fellows in each of FASPE’s six programs spend two intensive weeks in Germany and Poland, visiting Auschwitz and key historical sites in Berlin and Krakow, and participating in rigorous seminars led by experts in their respective fields. Fellows begin their studies by examining the roles their professional counterparts played in Germany and elsewhere from 1933-1945—asking why those professionals acted as they did, thus drawing on historical, cultural, philosophical, literary and discipline-specific sources to explore the ethical issues facing their fields today.

FASPE provides ethics training and ethical leadership workshops to practicing professionals—utilizing historical case studies as the framing for discussions about the ethical responsibility of professionals today. These “Ethics Leadership Training” workshops are offered to law firms, consulting firms, private equity funds, operating corporations, and other professional settings. www.faspe-ethics.org/elt

FASPE also offers an Ethics Abroad study trip in Europe—a condensed version of the fellowship program in which the FASPE fellows participate. www.faspe-ethics.org/ethics-abroad-travel-program
Fr. Steven Bell  
(FASPE Board of Directors and Seminary Faculty)

Fr. Steven Bell, CSP is a priest with the Missionary Society of St. Paul known also as The Paulist Fathers. Originally from Washington, DC, he was ordained in the Nation’s Capital in June of 2008. His 10 years of priesthood has been active in four assignments. First, he served at Associate Pastor of St. Austin Catholic Parish in Austin, TX, working primarily to boost young adult ministry, augment parish community life and create associations with Diocesan offices, neighborhood organizations, and other faith communities.

As Associate Director of Busted Halo Ministries in New York, NY, from 2012-2014, he was engaged in full-time young adult ministry by producing podcasts and videos, offering articles and features, and giving workshops and missions that taught how to engage young adults. In his next assignment, he served three years as the Associate Director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbus, OH, which is the Catholic campus ministry for The Ohio State University. Here, he engaged with students and non-students alike through sacramental celebrations, discipleship and stewardship development, social outreach, faith formation and collaborative opportunities with the university, other faith communities, and government agencies.

Afterwards, he ministered as a mission preacher leading parish mission, church revivals, smaller workshops, and lectures nationally and internationally focusing mainly on reconciliation, discipleship, and spirituality. Alongside, he has been serving as a faculty member for the seminary program of FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics) where he engages with seminary and medical post-grads and professionals on genocide ethics, and both leads and facilitates discussions on ethical decision making in the workplace and the public square. Currently, he serves as the Associate Director of Newman Hall – Holy Spirit Parish, the Catholic campus ministry for the University of California, Berkeley.

David Goldman  
Founder and Chairman

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.

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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 serves on the Board of the American Friends of the Polin Museum. He 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.

David G. Marwell, Ph.D  
(FASPE Board of Directors)

David Marwell is a historian and author. After earning his Ph.D. in European History, he spent nine years at the US Department of Justice, where, as Chief of Investigative Research, he conducted research in support of the investigations and prosecution of Nazi war criminals in the United States. As part of this effort, he played major roles in the Klaus Barbie and Josef Mengele investigations and helped to author the two major reports that resulted. In 1988, he became the (last) Director of the Berlin Document Center, a repository for captured personnel-related files of the Nazi Party and its component organizations. Marwell returned to the US in 1994 to become the Executive Director of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency established to identify, locate, and make available to the public all records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Following this service, he became the Associate Museum Director at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, overseeing key museum departments (exhibitions, collections, archives, education, international programs, library). In 2000 Marwell was appointed Director & CEO of the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City and led that important institution for fifteen years, before stepping down at the end of 2015. In addition to serving on the Board of FASPE, Marwell is the President of the Leo Baeck Institute New York|Berlin. His book about Josef Mengele, Mengele: Unmasking the “Angel of Death,” was published by WW Norton & Company in January 2020.

Thorsten Wagner (FASPE Executive Director)

Thorsten Wagner is a German-Danish historian. Born and raised in Sønderborg, Denmark, Thorsten completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Tubingen, Germany, and has lived in Berlin since 1993. He conducted graduate work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Technische Universität Berlin, and the Freie Universität Berlin, earning his MA from the TU and FU Berlin in 1998 in modern history, political science and German literature. After serving as an educator at the Jewish Museum of Berlin and a research fellow at the Danish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, since 2010 Thorsten has held a permanent position as associate professor at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)/University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
David Danks
(FASPE Board of Design & Technology Faculty)

David Danks is Professor of Data Science & Philosophy and affiliate faculty in Computer Science & Engineering at University of California, San Diego. His research interests range widely across philosophy, cognitive science, and machine learning, including their intersection. Danks has examined the ethical, psychological, and policy issues around AI and robotics in transportation, healthcare, privacy, and security. He has also done significant research in computational cognitive science and developed multiple novel causal discovery algorithms for complex types of observational and experimental data. Danks is the recipient of a James S. McDonnell Foundation Scholar Award, as well as an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. He currently serves on multiple advisory boards, including the National AI Advisory Committee.

He received an A.B. in Philosophy from Princeton University, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from University of California, San Diego. He was previously the L.L. Thurstone Professor of Philosophy & Psychology at Carnegie Mellon University, as well as the Chief Ethicist of CMU’s Block Center for Technology & Society and founding co-director of CMU’s Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (iDeaS).

Nate Silver
(FASPE 2019 Business Fellow)

Nate Silver is a people strategist currently working at The Org, a Danish-American startup on a mission to make organizations more transparent. He previously worked as a management consultant within Deloitte’s Human Capital practice, focused on helping global organizations navigate the future of work and address their most complex workforce challenges. A former theater director and arts administrator, Nate served as Managing Director of Jackalope Theatre in Chicago from 2013 - 2017 and has worked as a freelance theater director on and off-Broadway and around the world. Nate serves on the board of the National Student Leadership Foundation, an organization focused on career-oriented youth leadership programs, where he previously spent several years as Director of Operations. Originally from Providence, RI, Nate has an AB in Drama from Vassar College, an MBA from the Yale School of Management, and was a 2019 FASPE Business Fellow.