

...currently an MBA student at MIT, Berger is interested in the field of marketing as well as the consumer-packaged-goods and food industries.

"The FASPE fellowship seems like the perfect way to extend my MBA education and to delve into multifaceted ethical issues facing business people today," she said. Berger attended Livingston High School and received her undergraduate degree in public policy and Spanish from Duke University. Following college, she spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Madrid, Spain, and then moved to Boston in 2011 to work as a consultant at Bain & Company.

In an effort to promote dialogue between American and European business students and young executives, this year there are four Fellows from German and Austrian business schools and eight American Fellows.

Professionals in the pre-War World II era in Germany were known and respected internationally. Yet, leaders and practitioners in each of the professions, and often the institutions they represented, played a fundamental role in designing, enabling and/or executing the crimes of Nazi Germany. Run under the auspices of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York, FASPE examines what role professionals in business, journalism, law, medicine and the clergy played in Nazi Germany and underscores that the moral codes governing these essential professions can break down or be distorted with devastating consequences.

"By educating students about the causes of the Holocaust and the power of their chosen professions, FASPE seeks to instill a sense of professional responsibility for the ethical and moral choices that the Fellows will make in their careers and in their professional relationships," said C. David Goldman, founder of FASPE.

Berger will join a group of 62 FASPE Fellows who represent a broad range of religious, ethnic and racial

## LHS Grad Elana Berger To Participate In FASPE International Ethics Program



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Elana Berger is one of 12 business students and young executives chosen by FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics) to participate in a two-week program that will take place this summer in Germany and Poland. She is a graduate of Livingston High School and a student at the MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Now in its sixth year of operation, FASPE is an international program that explores the history of the Holocaust as a way to engage graduate students across five different fields (business, journalism, law, medicine and religion) in an intensive study of contemporary ethics in their discipline. FASPE provides Fellows with the first-hand experience of visiting Auschwitz and traveling in Germany and Poland, where they have the opportunity to study the past and consider how to apply the lessons of history to the current ethical challenges they will confront in their own professions.

Over the course of 12 days, Berger will participate in seminars run by leading scholars who serve as FASPE faculty, and attend lectures with a range of guest speakers. The program integrates historical, cultural, philosophical and literary sources; survivor testimony; and workshops in Berlin, Auschwitz and Krakow.

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and who were chosen through a competitive process that drew nearly 1,000 applicants from around the world. FASPE covers all expenses, including transatlantic and European travel, food, and lodging.

Along with the other Fellows, Berger will begin her trip in Europe on May 24. The first leg of the trip is in Berlin, Germany where she will have the opportunity to study the city's historical and cultural sites and work with FASPE staff and guest scholars. Educational workshops will take place at the House of the Wannsee Conference, the site where representatives of German State and Nazi Party agencies convened in 1942 to draw up plans for the Nazis' "Final Solution."

The group will then travel to Oświęcim, Poland, the town the Germans called "Auschwitz," where they will work with the educational staff at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. Sessions devoted to contemporary ethics take place in seminar rooms at Auschwitz and at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, one of Europe's oldest universities. The final leg of the trip will be held in Krakow, Poland, where Fellows will explore the city's Jewish, Catholic and Polish history.

Upon return, each Fellow will submit a final essay focused on their chosen contemporary ethical issue. Select essays will be published in the annual FASPE Journal.