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David serves as the Director of the *Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative*. His academic appointment is Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer. Prior to this, he was at Yale University for five years, where he served as the Executive Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, and taught at both Yale School of Management and Divinity School. David’s signature course is, “Business Ethics: Succeeding without Selling Your Soul.” David brings an unusual “bilingual” perspective to the academic world, having spent 16 years in senior executive positions in international business and finance.

Prior to academia, David lived and worked in London, England for eight years, where he was a partner in a private equity firm that specialized in international investment management, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions. Before that he was a senior executive and director of the securities services and global custody division of HSBC Group, having held the same position at Midland Bank plc before its acquisition by HSBC. He moved to London as the managing director of the European operations of State Street Bank and Trust, a leading US securities services bank. He started his management career in the U.S., working for IBM for eight years in a variety of sales and marketing management positions. David also speaks German, having lived and worked in Germany. He is a graduate of Bucknell University.

After his corporate experience, he entered academia, receiving his M.Div. and a Ph.D. in ethics from Princeton Theological Seminary. While doing his doctoral work in ethics, David began working with CEOs and senior executives in his capacity as president and co-founder of the *Avodah Institute*. Through Avodah, David still conducts corporate ethics and advisory services, leadership consulting, speaking, and ministerial work.

In addition to his research, writing, and teaching, David serves as an advisor to several corporate CEOs and senior executives on questions pertaining to ethics, values, culture, and the role of faith at work. He is a frequent speaker at gatherings of business leaders, corporate events, and academic conferences. His views are often cited in the media, including in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune Magazine*, radio, and the major television networks.

David’s new book, *God at Work: The History and Promise of the Faith at Work Movement* (Oxford University Press, 2007), challenges business academics and executives, as well as theologians and clergy to think differently about faith, ethics, and work.