

## Fact Sheet #3: Offers of support

**Jennifer Bright**, Assistant Professor Buddhist Spiritual Care and Counselling, Emmanuel College of Victoria University

“A registered psychotherapist myself, I would be happy to share more with the working group and others involved in the decision-making process about the ways that the BPMH program contributes to students’ mental wellness.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 56)

**Norman Farb**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto Mississauga

“I would be happy to speak directly to any interested members of the university community about this point of view, or to provide more academic references around my claims of the impact of this emerging contemplative science discipline.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 80)

**HyeRan Kim-Cragg**, Principal, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professor of Preaching Emmanuel College of Victoria University; and **Pamela McCarroll**, Vice Principal, Jane & Geoffry Martin Chair of Practical Theology, Emmanuel College of Victoria University

“We have been working toward deepening the institutional relationship between Emmanuel College (Victoria University) and the BPMH program at New College beyond the yearly co-sponsored Forum on Buddhism and Well Being. Our hope is to develop a close partnership in terms of sharing faculty resource and course offering and strengthen a more direct link between the BPMH program and our MPS degree for the sake of our students’ enhanced learning and assisting their careers.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 90)

**Zindel V. Segal**, Distinguished Professor of Psychology in Mood Disorders, Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science, University of Toronto - Scarborough

“I would be happy to have any the administration get in touch with me if can provide further context to support the important work you are engaged in.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 86)

**Mark Dennis**, Professor, Religion Department, Director, CALM Studies, Texas Christian University; and **Blake Hestir**, Professor, Philosophy Department, Texas Christian University

“We would be delighted to speak with you about our program in more detail if that would be helpful for coming to a deeper understanding of the many benefits that can be had by continuing to offer generous support to the BPMH program.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 73)

**André Vellino**, Chair, School of Information Studies, University of Ottawa

“We believe that an informed re-evaluation that takes into account the program's current structure, achievements, and the global relevance of contemplative science, is in order and we would gladly contribute to such a re-evaluation... We would, for example, be very happy offer our experience with our own program to encourage the decision makers at the University of Toronto to reverse their decision.” (BPMH-PSD, pg. 99)