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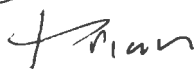
Dear Richard:

Please accept my very sincere thanks for presenting your talk, “Contemplative Pedagogy for Establishing Presence and Healing Stress,” at TEFD’s October 23rd Contemplative Pedagogy Working Group meeting. Numerous participants told me after the meeting that they appreciated hearing about the secular contemplative methods you use in your classes to promote focus and the mindfulness exercises you have introduced to graduate students in Mathematics & Statistics and Physics to reduce stress. In particular, I appreciated the narrative student feedback you shared on your contemplative exercises. Their degree of support for these types of pedagogies is impressive! On behalf of the Working Group, I want to thank you for your time and evident preparation. We consider ourselves very lucky to have involved in our group, and we are certain that your presentation will help the other participants enhance their teaching.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate in TEFD’s programming!

With appreciation,

Sincerely,



Brian Baldi
Assistant Director

Cc: Chair Farshid Hajir