

# Adjunct Faculty Newsletter

## Meet the Masters this Saturday



**Jodie Kay Petra**

Speech Communication

Don't miss MCC Adjunct Faculty Jodie Kay Petra this Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the AFA Fall Workshop being held at South Mountain Community College.

Jodie and other panelists will share what they learned at last spring's Arizona Master Teacher Seminar.

## NAVAJO TEACHER JOINS MCC FACULTY

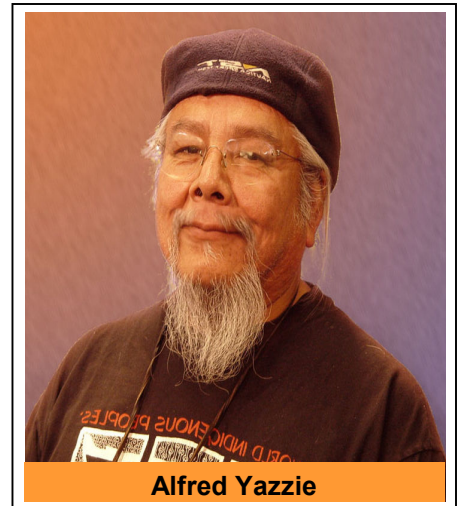
*MCC's Adjunct Faculty are among the most interesting folks on campus. Alfred Yazzie is one such adjunct. Here's his story.*

Alfred Yazzie is a tall man; but "Ashkiiyazhi," his e-mail name, means "Little Boy." As Alfred patiently and proudly explains, Ashkiiyazhi was what his grandmother, Bessie, called him.

Grandmother Bessie devotedly raised Alfred on the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona, and she spoke with him exclusively in Navajo. As a child, Alfred attended off-reservation boarding schools, but returned home to Bessie each summer. Over time, Alfred taught himself to read and write Navajo.

According to Alfred, studying Navajo was required at his high school on the reservation. He admits, however, to not taking the course too seriously at the time. Since then, Alfred's attitude toward his language has changed. Now, he is not just serious about Navajo, he teaches it—with passion and commitment.

Prior to joining MCC, Alfred taught Navajo for nine years at Arizona State University while



**Alfred Yazzie**

earning an MA in Education Counseling, an MA in Counseling, and pursuing doctoral studies in curriculum and instruction.

At MCC, Alfred has a variety of students in his Elementary Navajo class. Some arrive at class as Native speakers, but then have to learn to read and write the language. Other students learn to read and write Navajo before learning to speak it. In the classroom, Alfred has found that creating mixed-skill groups produces successful collaborative learning experiences for all levels of students.

When you see Alfred on campus be sure to say "Ya'at'eeh" (hello). If you're not sure of the pronunciation, don't worry. Alfred will happily help you.

### Reminder from CTL Staff:

When workshop rooms are not in use for a scheduled event or training, you are most welcome to use them for "quiet space." Please check with the friendly Reception Desk staff.

## PICK UP SOME CAREER TIPS

### "Applying for MCCCDC Residential Faculty Jobs"



Dr. Christine Hall

Dr. Christine Iijima Hall, District Director of Employment and Recruitment, will once again present her workshop, "Applying for Residential Faculty Jobs at MCCCDC."

Please hold a spot on your calendar to meet her at the CTL-sponsored workshop scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2007, from 10 a.m. to noon, in AS 196. Dr. Hall will explain the MCCCDC hiring process and how to apply for faculty openings. Additionally, attendees are invited to ask questions.

To register and reserve your spot, please click here:

<http://ctl.mc.maricopa.edu>