

# Faculty & Staff Training

w/ Dr. Curtis Acosta, University of Arizona



When: **Thursday, April 25 @ 12:30-2:30p**

Room: **TBA**

- **Cultivating student identity/identities and voice through emancipating teaching practices**
- **Humanizing teaching practices and methods rooted in Indigenous epistemologies**
- **Introduction to the AEP Ethnic Studies Teaching Framework and Tenets**

AEP Ethnic Studies professional development teachers will experience Ethnic Studies pedagogy in practice through model teaching experiences, innovative educational theory that was used in the successful Mexican American Studies program in Tucson, Arizona, Ethnic Studies program in Santa Monica-Malibu School District. In addition, educators will be introduced to both a theoretical and pedagogical ethnic studies tenets from the University of Arizona.

Prior to his current role as assistant professor in language and culture in education, Curtis Acosta was a high school teacher for nearly 20 years, where he developed and taught Chicano/Latino literature classes for the renowned Mexican-American Studies program in Tucson. He is an award-winning educator who was named one of the “Top 10 Latinos to Watch in US Politics” by the Huffington Post. His work was featured in the documentaries Precious Knowledge and Dolores, as well as The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. He is the founder of the Acosta Educational Partnership, a consultation firm that helps educators create culturally sustaining and humanizing educational practices in their classrooms, schools, and communities. Acosta received his Bachelor of Arts from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and later obtained a Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. in Language, Reading, and Culture from the University of Arizona.

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