Pima Community College's Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor along with Faculty Senate invite you to be inspired by some of PCC's distinguished faculty. This year's topics are DNA forensics, prairie dogs, Japanese wood sculpting, postmodernism, automotive repair and communication styles.

All sessions are FREE and will be held at 6 p.m., in the Community Board Room (Building C) of the PCC District Office, 4905 E. Broadway Blvd. Light refreshments will be available.

Spring Event Dates

**Tuesday, February 3**
**Forensic DNA Analysis**
By Christian Wilson, Biology Faculty

Wilson will give a presentation on how DNA forensics works. He also will discuss how DNA testing is used to solve crimes by linking an individual to a crime scene/criminal act.

Christian Wilson has been an adjunct faculty member in Pima's Biology Department since 2009. He also has more than two decades of experience working in the Tucson Police Department's Crime Laboratory. Wilson has a Master of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Florida, a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Bachelor of Science in Evolutionary Biology, both from The University of Arizona.

**Tuesday, March 3**
**Social Behavior of Prairie Dogs and Ground Squirrels**
By Theodore G. Manno, Ph.D., Biology Faculty

Manno will discuss the social interactions, mating behaviors and natural history of prairie dogs and ground squirrels, recounting his trials and triumphs while studying these rodents in colonies across western North America.

Theodore G. Manno is an adjunct faculty member in Pima's Biology Department and President-Elect of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science. He is the author of “The Utah Prairie Dog: Life Among the Red Rocks” (University of Utah Press, 2014). Manno has written dozens of articles for periodicals, and published a dissertation, several peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts on animal behavior. His work also has been featured in various media, including Discovery News and News Scientist.

**Tuesday, April 7**
**Japanese Wood Sculptors**
By Barbara Jo McLaughlin, Art Faculty

McLaughlin's presentation will focus on her research in Tokyo of contemporary Japanese wood sculptors. She will show photographs and discuss the artists' works, working methods and unique tools. She also will talk about her immersion into Japanese culture.

Barbara Jo McLaughlin has been a faculty member in Pima's Art Department since 1994. She also serves as the chair of the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences at PCC's Desert Vista Campus. McLaughlin is a nationally renowned sculptor whose work has appeared in numerous public and private collections and exhibitions. She has a Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture, both from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Ill., and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work is represented in Tucson by the Davis Dominguez Gallery.

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Tuesday, October 6
Just What the Heck is “Postmodernism” Anyway?
By Jerry Gill, Ph.D., Humanities Faculty

Gill will talk about the Postmodern Era, the time period following modernity, 1960s to the present. He also will discuss the two forms of postmodernism, deconstructionists and reconstructionist, as well as the modern thinkers who defined the world and knowledge for us, such as Descartes, Newton and Kant.

Jerry Gill has taught at several small colleges around the country over the past 40 years and has taught at Pima for more than 10 years, teaching Philosophy, Religious Studies and Humanities. He received his Ph.D., from Duke University in Durham, N.C. He has published several journal articles and books, and enjoys sculpting, an activity that requires blending cognition and action.

Tuesday, November 3
Truths and Myths of Auto Repair
By Skylar Webb, Automotive Technology Instructor

Webb will give a presentation on finding a reliable repair shop, what to expect when taking your vehicle in for repair and what your legal rights are as a consumer during the repair transaction, as well as provide tips on how to avoid overpaying for car maintenance and repairs. He also will discuss myths and facts about the automotive industry and automobile repair.

Skylar Webb has 10 years of experience in the automotive repair industry. He is an instructor for Pima’s Automotive program at the Arizona State Prison Complex – Tucson and adjunct faculty in Pima’s Automotive Technology program at PCC’s Downtown Campus. He is an ASE Certified Master Automobile Technician with ASE L1 Advanced Level Specialist Certification and holds an Associate degree in Automotive Autotronics from the Arizona Automotive Institute.

Tuesday, December 1
When Yes Means No: Communication Styles Across Cultures
By Tatyana Thweatt, Ph.D., Speech Communication Faculty

Thweatt will discuss the famous works of Geerst Hofstede and his taxonomy of cultural differences. Using Hofstede’s model of cultural dimensions, Thweatt will compare and contrast the four dimensions of different communication styles. She also will talk about the importance of “face” across cultures and the effects of our communication styles on cultural competence. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and participate in their own self-assessment to identify their communication styles.

Tatyana Thweatt has been an adjunct faculty member, teaching Speech Communication classes at Pima since 2010. She received both her Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and her Ph.D., in Intercultural Communications from North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. She has more than 15 years of teaching and training experience and has developed and conducted numerous seminars, workshops and training programs focusing on intercultural communication competence. Her main areas of expertise are cultural diversity, intercultural and cross-cultural communication and cultural competence.

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