

MAIAVA, Ole

Te Wananga o Aotearoa

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Ole Maiava is a 37th generation Samoan, born in Aotearoa in the late fifties. He considers himself a byproduct of the New Zealand education system. A trained Primary school teacher with adult education experience, Maiava is also a published short-story writer and poet, with awards in broadcasting and music. An original member of the NZQA advisory board on Electronic media, Maiava has also been involved in the DSIR Pasifika scholarships panels as well as one of the original co-ordinators of the *Achievers* magazines. Maiava is also an active participant in the Arts and ran one of the first broadcast news gathering courses in NZ aimed at second chance learners of Pacific and Maori descent. Maiava is currently at Te Wananga o Aotearoa as a Pacific Advisor.

“Deeds Not Words”: A Pasifika Look at Evidence Gathering, Research and Inducements.

A multi-media (utilizing power point and hard copy) presentation that poses some “manatu¹” for consideration, explores the use of technology in competency based assessments and proposes another spin on evidence gathering for kinesthetic learners.

“We take a brief journey through Pasifika research in Aotearoa today, have a look at “layering” and take part in an exercise to stimulate “an understanding”. Some of the areas for “manatu” are as follows: Why Research ? / Books versus Tulafale or Kaumatua / Hegemony and cultural paradigms / Can you eat it?

It will then be followed by an audiovisual documentary made by the presenter “All Roads Lead To Home” that lasts 15 minutes. After which the presenter will conduct a Q&A session that will last 15 minutes.

¹ Samoan word meaning “Thoughts” – in a fono situation all the chiefs thoughts are expressed and then considered as part of the total picture of many thoughts.