Self-Determination or Self-Decimation? The Political and Legal Dismemberment of Native Citizens in Indian Country

Come and hear preeminent Native scholar David E. Wilkins, Ph.D. on how the banishment, denial, or disenrollment of Native citizens impacts Native communities and relationships.

David E. Wilkins, Ph.D. is a citizen of the Lumbee Nation and holds the McKnight Presidential Professorship in American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota, with adjunct appointments in Political Science, Law, and American Studies. He is a prolific scholar on Native governance and constitutional development issues and is the author or editor of a number of books, including *Hollow Justice: A History of Indigenous Claims in the United States* (2013); *The Navajo Political Experience* (2013); *The Hank Adams Reader* (2011); *The Legal Universe* (with Vine Deloria, Jr., 2011); and *Documents of Native American Political Development: 1500s to 1933* (2009).

His most recent book *Dismembered: Native Disenrollment and the Battle for Basic Human Rights* (with Shelly Hulse Wilkins, 2017) is the first comprehensive examination of the origins and significance of tribal disenrollment. At the heart of the issue is how Native nations are defined and who has the right to belong.

Moderated by Kapua Sproat, Associate Professor and Director, Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

Professor David Wilkins will also be speaking at a Political Science Colloquium, “When Political Wills Collide: The Uneven Coexistence of Indigenous Nations, the States, and the U.S.,” on Friday, September 8, 2017 at Saunders 624 (Harry Friedman Room), 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm