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Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Join us in welcoming two of the world’s leading experts on the rights of Indigenous Peoples!
Reception 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Discussion 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Classroom 2 • William S. Richardson School of Law
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S. James Anaya, U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, is a Regents Professor and James J. Lenoir Professor of Human Rights Law and Policy at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, where he teaches and writes in the areas of international human rights, constitutional law, and issues concerning indigenous peoples. Among his numerous publications is his acclaimed book, Indigenous Peoples in International Law. He participated in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and was the lead counsel for the indigenous parties in the case of Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua, in which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the first time upheld indigenous land rights as a matter of international law. Mr. Anaya just completed an official visit to the United States in his role as Special Rapporteur and will be issuing a report detailing his findings and recommendations.

Moana Jackson, a Māori Law and Philosophy professor at Te Wananga o Raukawa, graduated from Victoria University of Wellington in law and has served as Director of the Māori Law Commission. He was appointed Judge on the International People’s Tribunal in 1993 and has since then sat on hearings in Hawai‘i, Canada and Mexico. He was elected Chair of the Indigenous People’s Caucus of the UN working group on the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Moana was also counsel for the Bougainville Interim Government during the Bougainville peace process. Moana is highly regarded for his contribution in the struggles of the Maori people in terms of the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi, sovereignty issues and indigenous rights. He is known and respected at all levels of society—from government and academia through to marae communities. He is presently Director of Nga Kaiwhakamaratanga I Nga Ture (the Māori Legal Service), which he co-founded in 1987.

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