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Present

***David Wilkins***

Professor and Chair of American Indian Studies  
Professor of Political Science and Law University of Minnesota

**"Excluding One's Kin: Disenrollment in Indian Country"**

***Monday, November 14, 5 p.m.  
Robinson Hall Lower Library  
Reception at 4p.m., Robinson Great Hall***

**David Wilkins** is Professor and Chair of American Indian Studies, and Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Minnesota. A member of the Lumbee Nation, he teaches and writes in the areas of comparative politics, American political theory, federal Indian policy, tribal government, and the history of colonialism and native peoples. His publications include *Native Voices: American Indian Identity and Resistance* (2003), co-edited with Richard A. Grounds and George Tinker; *American Indian Politics and the American Political System* (2002); *Uneven Ground: American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Law* (2001), co-authored with Tsianina Lomawaima; and *American Indian Sovereignty and the U.S. Supreme Court: The Masking of Justice* (1997).

David Wilkins' talk, "Excluding One's Kin: Disenrollment in Indian Country," will draw on his most recent research, which is focused on a contemporary issue that is becoming increasingly problematic in Indian country. Through this project, Wilkins continues to grapple with the difficult questions around American Indian politics, sovereignty, and identity by examining the recent trend of tribes "disenrolling," "banishing," or "exiling" their tribal citizens. While unpacking the effects of the gaming industry on tribal governance, Wilkins will also locate this development in the larger contexts of American Indian legal history and U.S. Indian policy.