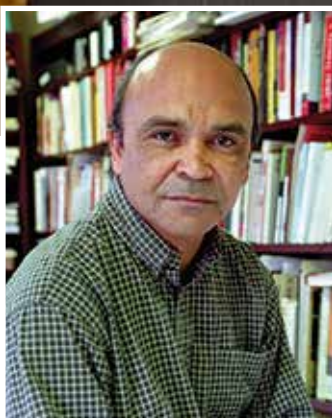


# When Wills Collide: The Uneasy and Uneven Coexistence of Indigenous and Federal Authority



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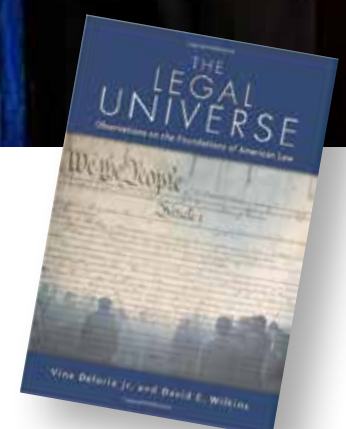
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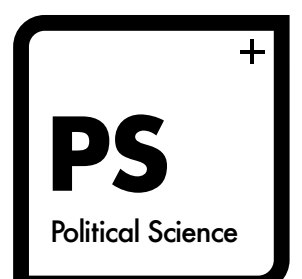
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The longstanding political and proprietary relationship between Indigenous peoples and the federal and state governments remains as confusing as ever. Despite their status as the original sovereigns of this land, and notwithstanding their treaty-based connection and explicit recognition in the U.S. Constitution, Native sovereignty remains subject to complete defeasance at the hands of the federal government. This presentation considers why this is the case and why federal political will in recognition and support of Indigenous sovereignty has remained perfectly inconstant after more than two centuries of engagements.



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