"Indians and American Society since 1960"

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The lecture will examine some of the social and political issues facing American Indians and Canadian First Nations people, including efforts to incorporate them as well as protests by the American Indian Movement and by Mohawks at Oka. It considers residential school disputes and debates about tribal identity and team mascots. Current questions over the operation of casinos and the return of artifacts and skeletal remains also receive some attention.

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