



**Nick Belluzzo, M.A.**

Director

Total Years of Experience: 16

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**Education**

M.A. 2011/Management of Archaeological Sites/University College London  
B.A. 2010/History/Boise State University

**Professional Profile**

Nick Belluzzo, M.A., is a Senior Archaeologist and the Director of ASM's Honolulu Office and Western Pacific projects. He has over 16 years of archaeological experience, 13 of those spent in Hawai'i and Micronesia. He has worked on projects throughout the Hawaiian Islands, Palau, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Western United States, and Virginia. Previous work experience includes State and federal historic preservation agencies and cultural resource management (CRM) firms. Mr. Belluzzo has experience in numerous aspects of archaeology, including project, field, and laboratory management. Technical skills include, but are not limited to, inventory and reconnaissance surveys, preservation planning, burial treatment planning, data recovery, excavation, archaeological monitoring, artifact identification and cataloguing, site recordation, GIS design and analysis, community consultation, archival research, Section 106/Chapter 6E compliance, ethnographic studies, and technical report writing and editing.

Mr. Belluzzo earned his Master of Arts degree, passed with distinction, from University College London where he collaborated with the Bureau of Arts & Culture in Palau to develop a geospatial database for cultural resources. In addition to this, he has also established Cultural Resource GIS Standards for Guam and Hawai'i. His M.A. is currently in prep for publication in article-form, "The Other Half of the Sky: Competitive Anarchy in Contact-Era Palau." Additionally, an article currently under review leverages his geospatial analysis of four islands in French Polynesia which paired archaeological and environmental data to better understand demographic trends in the Pacific.

Mr. Belluzzo is actively involved in local professional and community initiatives. He serves as a Governor-appointed to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Following eight years as an officer of the Board of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology and four years on the Standards & Ethics Committee, he was appointed President for a term expiring in 2026. Mr. Belluzzo was recently appointed to the Board of a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Hui o Ho'ohonua, an organization dedicated to the restoration of the fishponds surrounding Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor). He has also been a long-time collaborator with Kaiāulu 'o Kahalu'u/Kanaaho Kahulilima, a grassroots organization currently working to secure non-profit status and focused on the restoration of the largest intact traditional taro cultivation site on O'ahu.

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## EDUCATION

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2011	<i>M.A.</i> , Managing Archaeological Sites w/ distinction, University College London
2010	<i>B.A.</i> , History (emphasis: History of the Americas), Boise State University
2006	<i>Field School</i> , Techniques in Maritime Archaeology, University of Bristol

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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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ASM Affiliates – Honolulu and Western Pacific Office  
*Director and Principal Archaeologist*, 2021-present  
International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. (IARII), Honolulu, Hawai'i  
*Field Supervisor*, 2017-2021  
*GIS Specialist*, 2015-2021  
College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia  
*Michael R. Halleran Dissertation Completion Fellow*, 2020-2021  
*Teaching Assistant*, 2015-2019  
*Dean's Recruitment Fellow*, 2015-2017  
Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division, Kapolei, Hawai'i  
*GIS Specialist*, 2012-2015  
LSA Associates, Inc., Point Richmond, California  
*Cultural Resources Analyst*, 2012  
Global Heritage Network, Palo Alto, California  
*Internship*, 2011  
Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, Idaho  
*National Council for Preservation Education Internship*, 2004 and 2005

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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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2012 – Present	Society for Hawaiian Archaeology President (2024 – Present) Standards & Ethics Committee (2022-2024) Communications Secretary (2012-2020)
2022 – Present	Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Chair
2024 – Present	Hui o Ho'ohonua, Board Member
2024 – Present	Kanaaho Kahulimanu, Treasurer

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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Register of Professional Archaeologists, ID #6106  
Society for Hawaiian Archaeology  
Society for American Archaeology  
ICOMOS-USA  
Hawai'i Association of Environmental Professionals

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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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### ***Edited Volumes:***

Moore, Summer and Nick Belluzzo (editors)

2020 Rethinking Hinterlands in Polynesia. *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* 11(1).

### ***Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:***

Belluzzo, Nick

*In Prep* Review of Feathered Gods and Fishhooks (Kirch with McCoy). *Asian Perspectives*.

*In Prep* The Other Half of the Sky': Competitive Anarchy in Contact-Era Palau.

2017 Figure 1. In *Unsettling Mobility: Mediating Mi'kmaq Sovereignty in Post-Contact Nova Scotia*, by Michelle A. Lelièvre, pp. 4-5. University of Arizona Press: Tucson.

Puleston, Cedric O., Jennifer G. Kahn, Oliver A. Chadwick, **Nick Belluzzo**, and Patrick V. Kirch.

2024 People of the sea, or of the soil? How the balance of marine and terrestrial resource availability informs maximum population on four Polynesian islands. *Human Ecology* 52; 713-729.

Belluzzo, Nick, Summer Moore, and Jennifer G. Kahn

2020 Rethinking Hinterlands in Polynesia. *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* 11(1).

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## INVITED CLASS LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

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### ***Teaching Experience:***

*Field Mapping*, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Spring 2023) – Co-Instructor of Record

*Projects in Anthropology*, W&M (Spring 2021) – Laboratory Instructor

*Contemporary Problems in Anthropological Perspective*, W&M (Spring 2019) – Section Leader

*Lost Worlds & Archaeology*, W&M (Spring 2017) - Teaching Assistant

*Archaeological Field Methods*, W&M (Summer 2016) – Teaching Assistant

*Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Methods*, W&M (Summer 2016) -Teaching Assistant

### ***Presentations and Workshops:***

*Coastal Geology Lab*, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (2/26/2016)

*Ground Penetrating Radar at Miloli'i Beach Flat*

*Workshop – Society for Hawaiian Archaeology*, University of Hawai'i at Hilo (10/12/14)

*GIS for Historic Preservation*

*Invited Panelist - Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials Conference* (9/12/2014)

*Panel: Preserving Historic Treasures Facing New Environmental Realities*

*Hawai'i Coastal Data Exchange, Office of Planning* (5/31/2014)

*Cultural Resources Data*

*Field Instruction - North Shore Field School*, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2013 and 2014)

*Lecture and field instruction for students and community in sub-meter GPS survey*

*ESRI O'ahu User's Group Meeting* (4/2/13)

*Applications for ArcGIS Online within cultural resource management*

### ***Invited Class Lectures:***

HIST 354/582 – The Pacific World, Boise State University (5/11/21)

- "Built Even on the Ruins": Adaptation, Persistence, and Abandonment in the Hawaiian Hinterlands during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*
- ANTH 351 – *Peoples and Cultures of Polynesia W&M (3/30/21)*  
*The Emergence of the Hawaiian State*
- ANTH 470 – *Societal Collapse, W&M (9/20/17)*  
*At the Limits of Collapse? Authority and Survival in Tikopia*
- ANTH 201 – *Lost Worlds & Archaeology, W&M (3/29/17)*  
*Heritage, Laws, and Authority*
- ANTH 315 – *Environmental Archaeology, W&M (2/27 and 2/29/17 – Lecture and Lab)*  
*Geographic Information Systems: Anthropological and Archaeological Applications*
- ANTH 470 – *Archaeologies of Virtue, W&M (10/27/16)*  
*GIS and Cultural Resources: A Too cursory Review*
- ANTH 225 – *Archaeological Field Methods, W&M (6/14/16)*  
*GIS in Archaeology*
- ANTH 350 – *Peoples and Cultures of Polynesia, W&M (11/3/15)*  
*Gender in Polynesia*
- AMST 676 – *Recording Historic Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (1/27/14)*  
*Cultural Resources GIS in Hawai'i*

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Society for Hawaiian Archaeology Workshop  
 2022 *Creative Mitigation Strategies* (moderator)
- 35th Annual Hawaiian Archaeology Conference  
 2021 *SHA Anti-Harassment Policy Discussion* (with Kirsten Vacca)
- William & Mary's Graduate Student Association's Journal Club  
 2020 *Makali'i Setting: Local Agency and Ritual Variation in the Hawaiian Hinterlands*
- Conference for Historical and Underwater Archaeology  
 2020 *Trails of 'A'ā: Mobility and Social Networks within the Manukā Lavascape, Hawai'i Island*
- Society for American Archaeology 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
 2019 Session co-chair. *Rethinking Hinterlands in Polynesia* (with Summer Moore)  
 2019 *Moving Within the 'A'ā: the Influence of Liminality in the Hinterlands of Manukā, Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium, College of William & Mary  
 2019 *I waenakonu o ka 'a'ā: Environmental Uncertainty and Community Resilience at Manukā, Hawai'i Island*
- Society for American Archaeology 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting  
 2018 *"The Other Half of the Sky": Competitive Anarchy in Contact-Era Palau*
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium, College of William & Mary  
 2017 *A besos me a beluu: the Archaeological Signature of Competitive Social Balance in Palau*
- GIS Day, Center for Geospatial Analysis, College of William & Mary (invited presenter)  
 2015 *Cultural Resources and Climate Change – Managing Impacts in the Hawaiian Islands*
- 28th Annual Hawaiian Archaeology Conference  
 2014 *The 'Value' in a List: a statistical analysis of National and State Register listings in Hawai'i* (with Regina Hilo)
- 27th Annual Hawaiian Archaeology Conference  
 2013 *Cultural Resources GIS in the State of Hawai'i*

Society for American Archaeology 78th Annual Meeting, Council of Councils (invited presenter)

2013 *Cultural Resources GIS in the State of Hawai'i*

26th Annual Hawaiian Archaeology Conference

2012 *Preliminary update on the State Historic Preservation Division's GIS Database*

8th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific (invited presenter)

2012 *Digitizing Place: geospatial accessibility in the Republic of Palau through Google Earth*

25th Annual Hawaiian Archaeology Conference

2011 *Mapmaking and the global digital divide: accessible geospatial visualization in Palau*

Lies and Deception Conference, Institute of English Studies, University College London

2011 *When is it right to tell someone that they are wrong?: alternative archaeology from the Victorians onwards*

Idaho Archaeology Symposium, Idaho Archaeological Society

2005 *Underwater archaeological survey methods in low visibility environments* (co-author, Ray Leicht)