Kuleana and Commitment: Working Toward a Collaborative Hawaiian Archaeology

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This talk examines the sociopolitical aspects of Hawaiian archaeology, emphasizing the relationships between Kanaka Maoli and archaeologists working in Hawai‘i. A brief history of the development of Hawaiian archaeology, including key controversial cases, is presented as context for a discussion of contemporary relations between two groups invested in the heritage of Hawai‘i's people. Ultimately a more collaborative relationship is sought in the practice of Hawaiian archaeology.

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