



Voices of the USVI: Dialogue & Discovery



By the People: Conversations Beyond 250

Voices of the USVI is a two-day, in-person convening that brings together humanities organizations, artists, culture bearers, and community leaders from across the Virgin Islands for collaboration, learning, and cultural exchange. The program includes a public keynote, a youth-elder dialogue circle, and interactive sessions that amplify intergenerational voices and preserve these conversations for the Smithsonian's archives.

Guest Speakers



**Dee Baecher-Brown,
President**
Community Foundation
of the Virgin Islands



**Dr. Safiya George,
President**
University of the
Virgin Islands



**Dr. Chinue Uecker,
DBA/MBB**
University of the
Virgin Islands

Location: University of the Virgin Islands, 13D Research and Strategy Innovation Center at Orville E Kean Campus, St. Thomas, USVI

Dates: 8am - 4pm, March 19 - 20, 2026

Refreshments: Light breakfast and lunch is provided.

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By the People: Conversations Beyond 250 is a series of community-driven programs created by humanities councils in collaboration with local partners. The initiative was developed by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

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