



# 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.

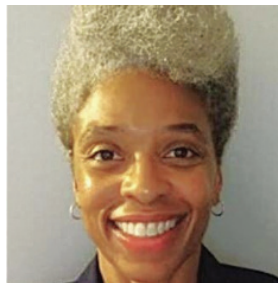
### Guest Speakers



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



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



**Dr. Chinue Uecker,**  
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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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