

PROGRAM

The Presenters

Wilfredo Geigel is an attorney in both the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He has authored a number of papers and articles on Caribbean topics and has served as past president of The Society of Virgin Islands Historians.

Judah Cohen is Assistant Professor at New York University. He has recently authored a book entitled *The Sands of Time* on the Sephardic Jewish community on St. Thomas.

William Cissel is well known for his expertise and publications on Virgin Islands history. He is the Historian for The National Park Service at Fort Christiansvaern in Christianssted, St. Croix.

Ken Wild is the Archaeologist at the National Park Service on St. John. His excavations on that island have made him an authority on the Taino culture of the Virgin Islands.

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| 8:00 | Welcome by Dr. Aletha Baumann, Chair, St. Croix Social Sciences, UVI |
| 8:10 | Remarks by UVI Chancellor Jennifer Jackson |
| 8:15 | Report by Arnold R. Highfield, President, SVIH |
| 8:30-9:15 | Wilfredo Geigel, "A Comparative Analysis of the Legal and Economic Aspects of the Colonization of the Caribbean by Four European Powers." |
| 9:15-10:00 | Judah Cohen, "To Be Sephardic in the US Virgin Islands: Judaism, Heritage and the Politics of Identity." |
| 10:00-10:15 | Coffee Break |
| 10:15-11:00 | William Cissel, "Clash of Cultures: The 1852 Christmas Eve Riot" |
| 11:00-11:45 | Ken Wild, "Taino Chiefdoms on the Eastern Periphery." |
| 11:45-12:00 | Closing remarks |