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**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

***THE SOCIETY  
OF VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORIANS***

**“Salt River, St. Croix: Historical Perspectives  
and Future Development”**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**In the Cafetorium  
St. Croix Campus  
University of the Virgin Islands**

## The Presenters

**David Edgell** is a Professor at and the Director of the Institute for Tourism at the East Carolina University at Greenville, North Carolina. In 1995, he was appointed as the first Commissioner of Tourism for the U.S. Virgin Islands. Among his numerous publications in this field is *Managing Sustainable Tourism: A Legacy for the Future* (2005).

**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.

**Meredith Hardy** is an Archaeologist with the National Park Service Southeast Archaeological Center. Her research has centered on prehistoric archaeological sites on St. Croix and at Salt River, focusing on patterns of contact, trade and exchange among ancient island societies.

**Dr. Janne Jørgesen Liburd** is Associate Professor of Tourism and Leisure Management at Southern Denmark University, at the Institute of Business Communication and Information in Esbjerg, Denmark. She is a cultural anthropologist and her research interests are in the field of sustainable tourism development. She has published on cruise tourism, national park development, heritage tourism, NGOs and democratic accountability in the Eastern Caribbean.

**Dr. Eric Klingelhofer** is Professor of Archaeology at Mercer University. A past Fulbright Scholar, he specializes in historical archaeology, having published three books and numerous articles. His research interests range among projects in Ireland, England, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, and North Carolina, as well as African American archaeology.

## PROGRAM

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| 8:00        | Welcome by Arnold R. Highfield,   |
| 8:10        | Remarks by Dr. Aletha Baumann, Chair,<br>Humanities and Social Sciences, UVI  |
| 8:15–8:40   | Meredith Hardy “Archaeology and<br>Prehistory of Salt River”  |
| 8:40–8:50   | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 8:50–9:15   | Eric Klingelhofer “Salt River in Historical<br>Times”   |
| 9:15–9:25   | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 9:25–9:50   | Wilfredo Geigel “Is Salt River Columbus’<br>Landing Site in St. Croix?”   |
| 9:50–10:00  | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 10:00–10:30 | Coffee Break  |
| 10:30–10:55 | Janne Jørgesen-Liburd “Sustainable<br>Tourism, Contested Heritage and<br>National Park Development in the Salt<br>River National Historical Park and<br>Ecological Preserve of St. Croix” |
| 10:55–11:05 | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 11:05–11:30 | David Edgell “The U.S. Virgin Islands<br>Newest Sustainable Tourism Product: St.<br>Croix-Salt River Bay National Historical<br>Park and Ecological Preserve”                             |
| 11:30–11:40 | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 11:40–12:05 | Remarks by Senator Lorraine Berry   |
| 12:05–12:30 | General Discussion  |