



**Society of Virgin Islands Historians
In conjunction with
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Presents the Society's 33rd Annual Conference**



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***The Spark Flies for More than a Century:
Emancipation 1848***

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Emancipation

Virtual Speakers:

Saturday, January 21, 2023 9AM-12PM

Poster Contest: 12:30PM- 3:00PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3vGNZF6

2023 Program

The Spark That Flies for More than a Century: Emancipation 1848

A Conference Celebrating the 175 Anniversary of Emancipation 1848

Registration 8:00-9:00 AM

Welcome

Elizabeth Rezende, President , Soc of VI Historians..... . 9:00-9:05 AM

Presentations

Danish Abolitionism: A 'moral vacuum'?

by Troy Wellington Smith.....9:10-9:30 AM

Questions and Answers9:30-9:40 AM

The St. Croix Midwife Reform: State Authority, Infant Mortality and Healthcare following Emancipation by Caroline August Richelsen 9:40-10:00 AM

Questions and Answers.....10:00-10:10 AM

Break.....10:10-10:30 AM

The Emancipation of Emancipation Garden, St. Thomas

By Rikke Lie Helberg10:30-10:50 AM

Questions and Answers.....10:50-11:00 AM

Student Posters:

Exhibit and Explanation.....11:20-12:20 AM

Acknowledgments

Vote of Thanks

Elizabeth Rezende, President.....12:20-12:30. PM

Biographies

Troy Wellington Smith is professor of the Nordic Program at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN and doctoral candidate at Department of Scandinavian at University of California, Berkley, CA. There he won the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, having taught reading and composition courses on Hans Christian Andersen and the Danish Golden Age, and an elective on Søren Kierkegaard.

Caroline Augusta Richelsen received their Master's degree from the University of Copenhagen, they are a historian specializing in Danish colonial history and American history. Their research specifically focuses on questions of welfare, reproduction, and state power as it related to the Danish West Indies. They have been involved in a project concerning legal records from the Danish West Indies.

Rikke Lie Halberg is a historian, museologist, and Ph.D. student at the University of Lund, Sweden. She has written several books and articles about colonial history, labor history and women's history. Her research focuses on the Danish-colonial archives as a concept and phenomena. She has written on Danish /Virgin Islands history teaching in Danish schools.

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The Society of Virgin Islands Historians is an association of professional social scientists and associate members, located on the island of St. Croix, but serving all the Virgin Islands. The membership of the Society hails from the Virgin Islands, other Caribbean islands, the United States, Denmark, Germany and other countries. The Society promotes the study and advancement of local history through a number of activities, the most prominent being an annual meeting and conference and the promotion of issues vital to local history and preservation. <http://www.historians.net>

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