

PRE-LITFEST ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 30

	Musical Prelude	
Welcoming Remarks	Alscess Lewis-Brown, VILF Program Chair	9:00am
Official Remarks	VI Department of Tourism VI Department of Education	
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A Young Writer's Journey (30 min)	Biko McMillan, author (Intro by Stephanie Brown, Director of Cultural Education)	9:15- 9:43am
Ekphrastic Poetry Event <i>with</i> Video from CMCA New Blood Exhibit (10 min)	Lucien Downes, Curator of "The New Blood Art Exhibit." Participants select a piece of art and write a poem in response to that piece of art. That poetic creation should be turned in at usvilitfest@gmail.com by 6pm, May 1. Work should be original and submitted on one page with name, telephone number, age and school in the subject line of the email. (Sponsored by Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts (CMCA)	9:45-9:53 am
Video Production by Douglas Canton		
Surprise!! Featured Presenter with student Q&A (30 min)	<i>Surprise Guest</i> (Intro by Bilal McFarlane Middle School student)	10:00 – 10:28am
Virgin Islands Cartoon Community Conversations of Artist Leo Carty Student Q&A (45 min)	Ronald Hewitt, Carol Henneman and Sele Adeyemi, discussants (Sponsored by Artist Stefan Carty on behalf of the Leo Carty Scholarship Committee)	10:30 -11:13am
Workshop: "Editing Your Own Writings" (30 min)	Valerie Combie, PhD., Associate Professor of English – University of the Virgin Islands	11:15-11:43am
A SHARING OF WORDS	Students present their own written creations or selection from <i>The Caribbean Writer</i>	11:45 -12:15
VOTE OF THANKS ~ STUDENTS DISMISSED ~ SESSION BREAK		
So You Want to Write a Children's Book? (2 hours)	Summer Edward, Author and Editor Introduction and Moderation Yvette McMahon, PhD., VIDE)	1:00-3:00pm
Book Bacchanal Sponsored by CMCA (2 hrs)	Special appearance of Natasha Lightfoot, historian and author of <i>Troubling Freedom: Antigua and the Aftermath of British Emancipation (2015)</i> . She is reading a chapter of her not-yet-published, historical non-fiction book about an Antiguan-born woman enslaved in the Virgin Islands who was able to win her freedom. There are chapters on the lives of different enslaved persons.	4:00–6:00 pm
Various Presenters: See list		

VILITFEST ~ SATURDAY, MAY 1

Musical Prelude	Doc Peterson & Gylchris Sprauve, Artists	12:45pm		
Welcoming Remarks	VILF Program Chair, A. Lewis-Brown	1:00pm		
Remarks	Dean Kimarie Engerman President David Hall Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett	Remarks		
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Interrogating the Past, Reimagining a Future ~ A Writer's Strategy (40 min)	Discussants Edwidge Danticat, author and Tiphonie Yanique, author with Richard Georges, author and interlocutor	1:20		
Response	VILITFEST			
Video excerpt of the TCW 10th Anniversary Conference with KB as keynote speaker (40 min)	"Kamau Brathwaite: His Legacy, His 'Infinite Touch'" Panellists Vladimir Lucien, author, and Canisa Lubrin, author, with Mervyn Taylor, author and interlocutor	2:05		
Response	VILITFEST			
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Strategies for Using Realities and Cultural dynamics in Fiction (40 min)	Author Chika Unigwe	3:00—3:40		
Print and Audio Publishing (40 min)	Publisher Yona Deshommes, Pres- Riverchild Media, LLC. and Luc Cadet, Pres- Abantu Audio	3:50—4:30		
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	Various authors	4:35	5:00	
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Closing Response	ALB	5:00		
		5:10	SIGN OFF	

VILITFEST ~ SUNDAY, MAY 2

Musical Prelude	Doc Peterson & Gylchris Sprauve, Artists	12:45pm
Welcoming Remarks	VILF Program Chair, A. Lewis-Brown	1:00
	Provost Camille McKayle (??Replay Stacy Plaskett's address??)	
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Writing the Poetry of the Times (50 min)	Author and Poet Kwame Dawes	1:15pm
TCW Reading	Tba	
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Jamaican Women Writers ~ <i>Foregrounding the work of Calderaro's and McCollum's books towards correcting gendered omissions in the Jamaican/Caribbean literary canon</i> (40 min)	Authors Jacqueline Bishop and Michela A. Calderaro with Shara McCallum, author and interlocutor	2:20
Panel Discussion: Micro aggressions, Racism and Protest: A Writer's Role (50 min)	Authors and Philosophers, Rozena Maart and Lewis Gordon	3:05
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TCW Reading	Tba	4pm
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Writing Speculative Fiction Workshop (40 min)	Authors Tobias Buckell and Cadwell Turnbull with Lisa Allen Agostini, author and interlocutor	4:05-4:45
TCW Reading	Tba	4:50pm
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		5-5:40

<p>Virgin Islands Community Conversation in Cartoons 1971 to 1989 by Leo Carty with Q&A (40 min)</p>	<p>“Expressions of Community Life” Educators Carol Henneman, Sele Adeyemi and Ronald Hewitt, discussants</p>	
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		<p>6pm</p>