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Adrianne Todman Appointed UVI's Inaugural Fellow on Public Administration and Service

Adrianne Todman, a native of the USVI and former Acting HUD Secretary, has been appointed UVI's Inaugural Fellow on Public Administration and Service. She will lead lectures, mentor students, and support leadership development at the university.

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Adrianne Todman. By. UVI

The University of the Virgin Islands has announced on Friday the appointment of Adrianne Todman as its Inaugural Fellow on Public Administration and Service, a newly established role that is expected to strengthen academic enrichment and leadership development across the University community. Her appointment took effect on April 1, 2025.

A respected leader in housing policy and public service, Todman's return to the Virgin Islands marks a significant milestone for UVI, the release states. The fellowship was created to provide students, faculty, and staff with deeper exposure to real-world public administration practices and to foster dialogue around public service leadership in the region and beyond.

In her role as Inaugural Fellow, Todman will engage the university through multiple initiatives. She is set to deliver two to three Distinguished Lectures per semester, offering insights grounded in her extensive experience in public policy and governance. While primarily designed for students, faculty, and staff, select lectures will be made open to UVI alumni, broadening the platform for university-wide engagement.

UVI said Todman will also offer personalized mentorship and guidance to students enrolled in UVI's Public Administration program. Her involvement is aimed at nurturing the next generation of public service professionals from the Virgin Islands.

"It is an honor to return to the Virgin Islands in this capacity and to contribute to the academic growth and professional development of UVI students," said Todman. "Public service has shaped my life and career, and I look forward to engaging with the next generation of leaders who will shape the future of our communities, both here in the Virgin Islands and beyond."

UVI President Dr. Safiya George praised the appointment as a significant advancement for the institution. "The appointment of the Honorable Adrienne Todman as UVI's Inaugural Fellow on Public Administration and Service represents a significant milestone for the University," said Dr. George. "Her extensive experience and distinguished record in public service will offer our students and academic community invaluable insights and inspiration. We look forward to the lasting impact of her contributions to UVI's mission and the advancement of public administration in the region."

A native of the U.S. Virgin Islands and graduate of Smith College, Todman has built a career focused on expanding opportunities for underserved communities nationwide. She most recently served at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she held the role of Acting Secretary during the Biden-Harris Administration.

Todman's inaugural lecture is scheduled to take place later this spring. The University has expressed great enthusiasm for the opportunities her presence will create for students and faculty alike.