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# Cultural Expert to Tackle Race, Gender at UVI Lecture

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**Dr. Tami Navarro. By. THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

The University of the Virgin Islands announced Thursday that race and gender are two of the topics to be placed under the microscope of cultural anthropologist Dr. Tami Navarro, at a highly anticipated lecture at UVI on Nov. 18.

The Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center, and the Offices of the UVI President and the Provost, look forward to welcoming Dr. Navarro to discuss the major elements of her new book, "Virgin Capital: Race, Gender, and Financialization in the U.S. Virgin Islands", the university said.

Dr. Navarro, an Assistant Professor of Pan-African Studies at Drew University, is a cultural anthropologist who has published in Cultural Anthropology, American Anthropologist,

Transforming Anthropology, Small Axe Salon, The Caribbean Writer, Social Text, and Feminist Anthropology.

She is a founding member of the Virgin Islands Studies Collective (VISCO) and a member of the Editorial Board for the journal *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*.?Dr. Navarro is a native of St. Croix.

Dr. Navarro is co-host of the podcast, “Writing Home: American Voices from the Caribbean” and the co-director of the Transnational Black Feminisms working group at Columbia University.

“Anyone interested in understanding more about the interrelatedness of race, gender and the unique Virgin Islands experience should join us for this timely opportunity to hear from a leading expert on these critical issues that affect us daily,” said Dr. Kula Francis, Associate Professor of Political Science at UVI.

The lecture is scheduled on Friday, Nov. 18 at noon, in EVC 401, at the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix.? Additionally, Dr. Navarro will be available to sign copies of her book.

Masks are recommended for the safety of all participants.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Dr. Kula Francis at (340) 692-4065 or [kfranci@uvi.edu](mailto:kfranci@uvi.edu).

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