

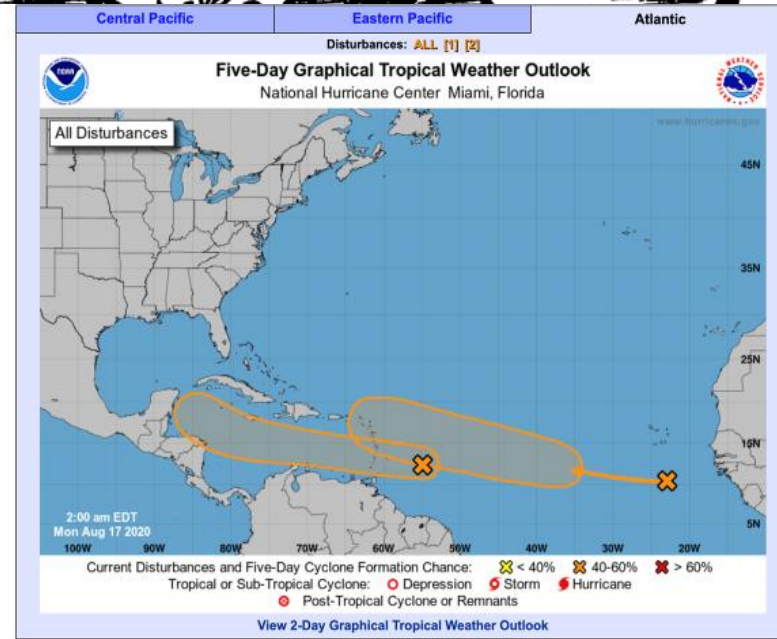
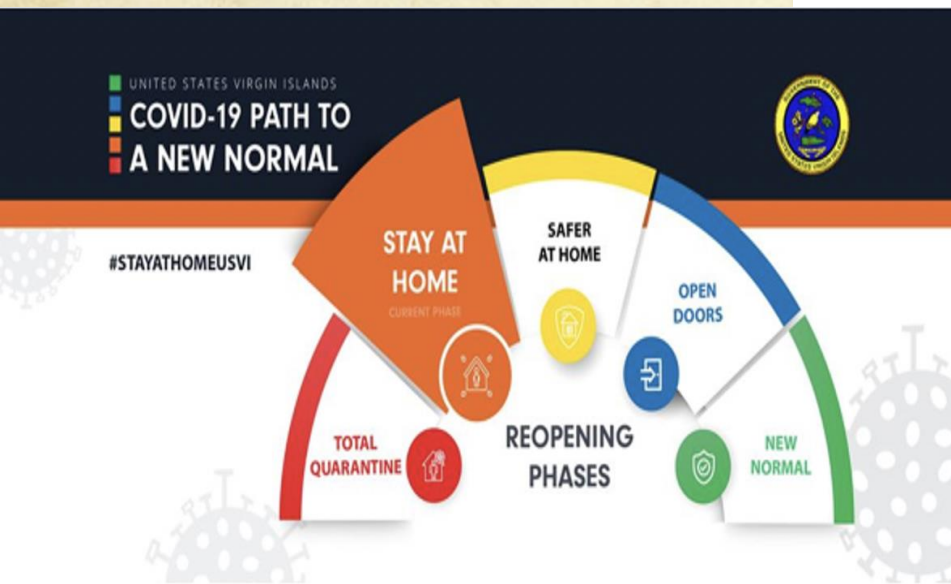
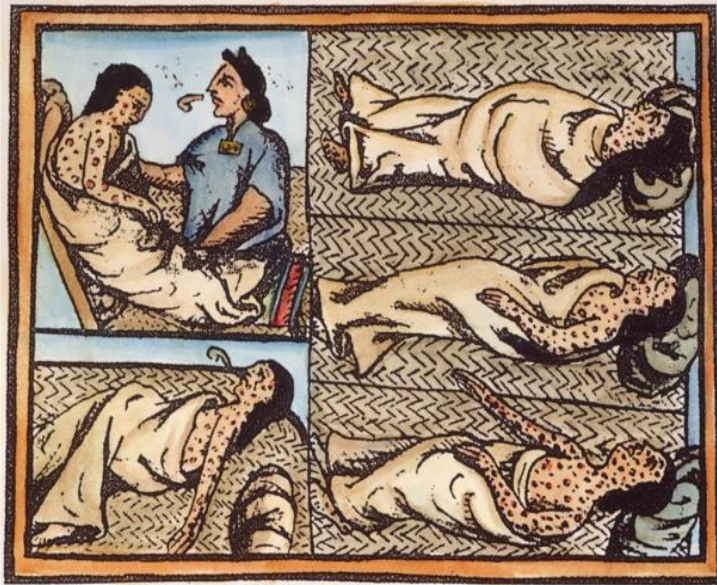
“Make You Believe Everyone in Class can Change the World”:

Engaging First Year Undergraduates through Student-Led
Project-Based Learning in STEM

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Science and Society: Caribbean Region



Description of Program

SSC 100: Introduction to Social Sciences: Caribbean Focus

○ What are the Social Sciences?

Most simply, the academics disciplines centrally concerned with the study of the social life of humans. Using evidence, social scientists engage in the scientific study of humans over time.

Core Similarities Across Fields:

- Use of Evidence-Based Research
- Humans as Principle Research Subjects
- Desire to Explain Human Societies
- Desire for Social Justice
- Application of Findings in Meaningful Ways

Why Study the Social Sciences?

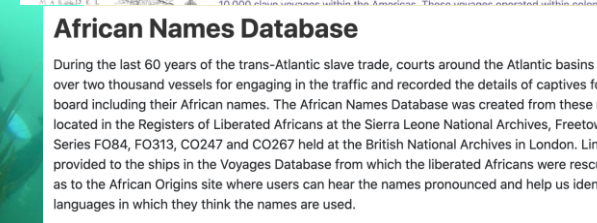
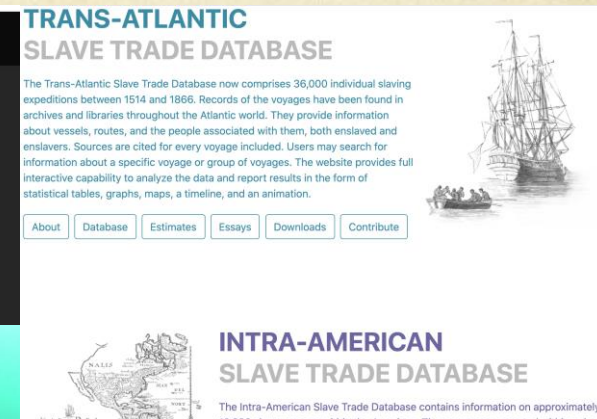
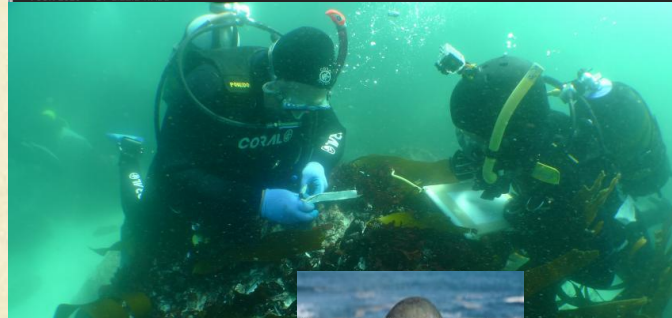
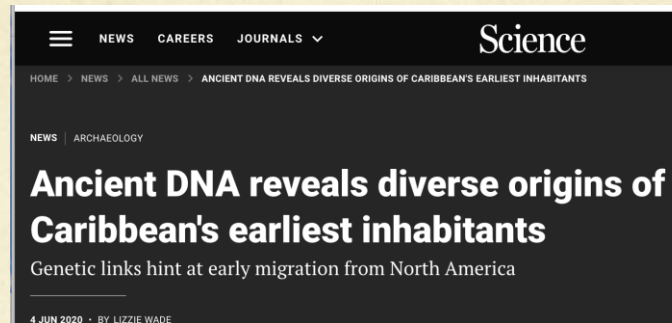
- Analytical Habits of Mind – critically examining information, crafting evidence-based arguments, developing research questions, and communicating to others (in writing and in speech).
- Connecting Past, Present, and Future – critically understanding change over time and how human interactions shape our present day. We also seek to preserve and protect unique cultural and linguistic practices.
- Pressing Issues – offer research and evidence-based solutions to a variety of problems in the present and future. Social Scientists engage in their communities for Social Justice.

SSC 100: Social Sciences

Introduces students to the study of humans in the Caribbean from the earliest people to the present day.

Covers the fields of:

- Archaeology
- Anthropology
- Communications
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work



Meeting Point of Science and Society

Effects of Covid-19 on Mental Health of College Students

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Keeping the Culture Alive: Cultural Bearing Classes in the Virgin Islands

Groovy music, flamboyant cultural attire and tasty cuisine are aspects that contribute to our culture. By incorporating activities like quadrille dance classes, mocko jumbie dancers, scratch bands, story telling, quelbe bands and masqueraders into our schools will play a big role in the journey of preserving the Virgin Islands culture. The creator of this program Valtica Bryson has expanded this program to both St. Thomas and St. John. New additions that are added are steel pan classes and two fungi bands. The Division of Cultural Education originally founded in 1981 but reinstated in 2007 by Kwabena Davis and Gered Emanuel. Both Davis and Emmanuel believe that it's important to incorporate the cultural elements into the curriculum. This brilliant idea needs to be implemented into the schools curriculum. Not only is it a creative and fresh new idea that gives students a break from rigorous and tiring book work, but it also teaches our Virgin Island children a sense of our past.



Caribbean Economy – Impact of COVID 19

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

The tourism economy will take a very long time to recover.

While face-to-face contact is an uncertainty in our future, technology is not



The Caribbean should dedicate time to building a dependency on other aspects.

This time of rehabilitation will hopefully allow us to create a newfound unwavering economic status.

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How can Jamaica respond to illegal entry of firearms?

- This research will focus on identifying how illegal firearms are entering the islands of Jamaica and the measures, strategies and combined effort of law enforcement agencies to decrease this criminal activity. This is an important question because gun violence has become so prevalent in the Caribbean region. Jamaica has been instrumental in the fight against illegal firearms and they continue to document the ongoing issues grappling the island.

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Service Learning

- As a UVI Student, I believe it is very important that children from the ages of 12 and up should have an understanding of what domestic violence is and be able to recognize it if it ever occurs. They should also be able to know who to contact if it ever occurs. Therefore, I believe that making a PowerPoint and pamphlet and having staff go to each public school is very important in reducing the mental health issues that occur among adults with experiences of abuse in the past.

Next Steps Ahead

Conclusion

Even though this is a time where we should not be gathering in large groups there are many other ways to gather in smaller groups to enjoy our culture and feel somewhat back to normal. We can create virtual events or outdoor open events that follow all the covid-19 protocols. We can open museums that show case many of the virgin islands history in one where everyone can see.

