Cover page:
Dr. Gillian Irwin, AIFIS-CAORC Fellow 2017 from UC Davis, Ethnomusicology. She was pictured here playing *kendhang* in the UC Davis Javanese gamelan ensemble led by Phil Acimovic in 2017. Dr. Irwin currently works with Gamelan Sekar Jaya, a Balinese gamelan (and 501(c)(3) nonprofit) in Berkeley, California.

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MESSAGE FROM THE AIFIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The year 2020 presented us all with unprecedented challenges, but it also led us to discover new opportunities. In the face of the global pandemic, with worldwide spread and restrictions on travel taking place in the early months of 2020, AIFIS moved quickly to adapt itself to the situation and to find ways to continue to deliver programs and services to scholars in the United States and Indonesia. We are delighted to report that this transition has been exceptionally smooth and productive, thanks to the hard work of our American and Indonesian staff members, and the active participation of our AIFIS board and engagement of our Indonesian Studies community members.

Since March 2020, AIFIS has been offering programs through virtual platforms and these online-based program deliveries have brought an even more active and engaged participation from our consortium members, fellows, scholars and partners in America and Indonesia. We did not experience any significant reduction in the number of activities we completed in 2020. We learned that the virtual platforms have in fact allowed for a larger number of participations from those located around the world.

We remain grateful for the active engagement of AIFIS board members and scholars throughout the years and appreciate the hard work of AIFIS staff in Indonesia and the United States, for meeting the challenges presented by the global pandemic. We are deeply grateful for the generous financial support from our donors that have allowed us to keep implementing our programs and fulfilling our mission.

AIFIS will continue to develop programs that are aligned with our mission. We have several programs already lined-up for 2021, drawing on our experiences and the lessons we learned in 2020. We look forward to working with all of you in promoting scholarly exchange and the studies of Indonesia.

Here’s to continued success.

Terima kasih banyak kepada seluruh pemerhati Studi Indonesia.

Salam Sejahtera,

Siddharth Chandra  G.G. Weix  Martin Hatch  Tom Pepinsky  
President, AIFIS  Vice President, AIFIS  Treasurer, AIFIS  Past President
MESSAGE FROM AIFIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The global pandemic brought upon us some unprecedented challenges. Beginning of March 2020, we at AIFIS had to quickly transform the way we work in respond to the situation. We learned to adapt to the challenge ourselves and the way we work. We are delighted to learn about the successful implementation of our programs, albeit the change in our program-delivery platform from in-person to virtual. In times when in-person activities and traveling have been put on hold, we managed to find ways to engage and connect with the AIFIS community. And we are very appreciative that our donors, board members and academic partners remain supportive, engaged, and involved in our programs.

As you will read further in the report, AIFIS managed to maintain our program deliverables, like the year before the pandemic: we co-organized more than 40 academic events in 2020. AIFIS has also been an active institutional and media partner to, among others, the American Indonesian Exchange Foundation-Fulbright office in the U.S. and Indonesia, the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, the Center for Area Studies of the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (P2W-LIPI), the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C. the U.S. Library of Congress, and colleagues at the RELO office in the U.S. Department of State.

The AIFIS-Luce Foundation’s Academic Writing Workshops series – which in 2020 was in its fourth year – was held virtually in collaboration with the Indonesian Ministry of Research and Technology-National Research and Innovation Agency (RISTEK-BRIN) and drew more than 1,000 participants from Indonesia and the United States. The two-week workshop included both public and non-public sessions with selected number of scholars invited to attend. The selected scholars were later paired with senior U.S. faculty mentors for a one-on-one and in-depth discussion about their publication manuscripts. This program ties in well with the overall AIFIS’s mission of promoting people-to-people connection, and in bringing scholars of the two countries together in the promotion of the studies of Indonesia in the U.S.

AIFIS also worked with artists and scholars in the concerted effort to create a broader understanding about Indonesian arts to the international audience. AIFIS has been working with Colorado-based Gamelan Tunas Mekar and Metropolitan State University, for a planned Balinese Gamelan Festival in 2022, and with Dr. Kathryn Emerson on live-streaming Javanese wayang performance series with simultaneous English translations for non-Javanese speaking audience. In October 2020, AIFIS and Michigan State University’s Asian Studies Center co-hosted a documentary film screening and panel discussion to kickstart the 69th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, a regional conference of the Association of Asian Studies. This documentary is part of the Indonesian Pluralities film series, the product of a collaboration between the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS) of Gadjah Mada University, the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University, and WatchdoC Documentary.

We are deeply grateful to the support of our donors, the Department of Education, the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), and the Henry Luce Foundation, and we thank our board members, fellows and partner for their active participation and engagement in our programs. Thank you for your support to AIFIS, and I wish you a great year of 2021.

Netta Anggia. Executive Director, American Institute for Indonesian Studies
MESSAGE FROM AIFIS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings from AIFIS Jakarta! The year 2020 has been a year of great and unprecedented challenges. As countries around the world suddenly shifted into high gear and focused their efforts in fighting the Covid 19 virus, AIFIS office in Jakarta also moved its operation and programming into the virtual settings following the recommended health protocol issued by the Indonesian authorities.

Despite these new challenges, new opportunities also opened up. Since its establishment in 2012 AIFIS has always sought ways to expand its program and collaboration to different parts of Indonesia. We are aware that we need to expand our programs not only in the island of Java, but also in other regions of this vast archipelagic country. Fortunately, the pandemic has provided us with more opportunity. With the improvement of internet access, we are now managing to increase our programming access to more places in Indonesia. With many more locations, hence it will increase the interaction between U.S. scholars and Indonesian scholars and these relations will hopefully foster more collaboration between the two countries.

In the year 2020, AIFIS in collaboration with RISTEK BRIN continued to hold one of our signature programs, the academic writing workshop for international publication using virtual platforms. The AIFIS academic writing workshop is one of its kind, since this is the first time where each of the selected participants were paired with an individual U.S. scholar who is working or has expertise on similar issues with the Indonesian scholar. Both workshop and mentoring were done one on one using the virtual platform. The feedback for the academic writing was exceptional and we are seeking new ways and improving our program to further continue and serve our mission of promoting cross-cultural understanding and scholarly exchange through academic research and collaborations.

Entering the year 2021 we carry the same excitement and determination to continue that mission focusing on increasing relations and collaboration with our current partners while also developing new partnerships with more like minded parties. We are truly grateful for the support we received from our various generous partners and we are seeking more opportunities to continue developing the fruitful relationship. Please stay tuned to a more exciting program in 2021!

Terima kasih dan salam hangat!

Yosef Djakababa

Country Representative, American Institute for Indonesian Studies
ABOUT AIFIS

The American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) is a non-profit (501c3) educational organization incorporated in the United States. It was established with the generous financial support of the U.S. Department of Education, The Henry Luce Foundation, and the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the United State through the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. It is also a consortium of American universities and colleges that have expressed keen interests in furthering Indonesian studies in the United States.

Mission:
• Promote the studies of Indonesia in the U.S., broadly construed, to include traditional and non-traditional disciplines.
• Foster scholarly exchange between Indonesian and U.S. scholars.
• Promote educational and research efforts by U.S. scholars in Indonesia.
• Facilitate visits by American scholars to Indonesia, and by Indonesian scholars to the United States.

Fellowship Engagement
• AIFIS provides fellowship and academic research grants to U.S. and Indonesian scholars. The grants are specifically designed to promote and encourage research collaboration between Indonesian and American scholars.
• AIFIS organizes academic writing workshops providing learning tools for Indonesian scholars to get published in internationally recognized academic journals and publication.
• AIFIS works with community colleges in the United States to establish series of curriculum-development workshops on the teaching of Indonesia to faculty and teachers.
• AIFIS partners with Indonesia-based universities and research centers in organizing workshops, seminars, and symposium, allowing U.S. scholars the avenues to present key findings and results of their research work in Indonesia.
• AIFIS partners with U.S. universities and community colleges in implementing activities to promote the studies of Indonesia in the U.S. These include, and not limited to, academic seminars, conferences, workshops on curriculum development, Indonesian art exhibition and academic symposium.
AIFIS PERSONNEL

Program Planning and Operations

AIFIS’s office in Ithaca, New York, oversees the entire operations of AIFIS and its overseas research center in Indonesia. The office meets regularly with the AIFIS board members and liaises directly with our donors and government partners, as well as works closely with the AIFIS Executive Committee.

AIFIS Executive Director, Netta Anggia, works in the U.S. office. AIFIS Country Representative, Yosef Djakababa, Ph.D., -- also an ex-officio member of the AIFIS Executive Committee and alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Madison – works from the AIFIS office in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The AIFIS Executive Committee members are:
AIFIS President: Siddharth Chandra
AIFIS Vice President I: G.G. Weix
AIFIS Treasurer: Martin Hatch
AIFIS Past President: Tom Pepinsky

As an American Overseas Research Center, AIFIS in Indonesia works with the U.S. scholars to:

• Provide logistical support, advice, and serves as a hub for American scholars seeking logistical support and information on research in Indonesia.
• Provide comprehensive “on-the-ground” logistical support for American scholars conducting research in Indonesia.
• Share results of research conducted by AIFIS-funded and non-AIFIS funded, American scholars through lecturers, seminars, and workshops in partnership with academic institutions and university partners, as well as art institutes in Indonesia.
• Expand in-country network and develop partnerships with Indonesian universities, academic and art institutions, and research centers.
In-Country Administrative and Office Support

AIFIS Indonesia welcomes faculty, graduate students, scholars to come and work in our Jakarta. The centrally located office has access to both offline and online library system. Our Jakarta center has also become hubs for research seminars and symposia for both visiting American researchers and Indonesian academics.

Our team in Indonesia has excellent knowledge of the research climate in Indonesia, and established relationship with Indonesian research counterparts, universities, and relevant government representatives. AIFIS Indonesia Country Representative, Yosef Djakababa, Ph.D., himself is alumnus of the University of Wisconsin and AIFIS Program Manager, Annas Bentari, has a wealth of experience in working with international scholars.

AIFIS has been a long-standing partner with the U.S. Embassy office in Jakarta, the Jakarta office of the U.S. Library of Congress and with AMINEF and its Fulbright program for Indonesia and we aim to continue our program collaborations.

Hosting/Assistance for researchers: AIFIS Indonesia has been providing a space to work to some of our visiting fellows. The Jakarta staff has also been helping international scholars on matters from finding information on research permits to making connections with Indonesian research collaborators. Our staff helps with organization of academic events such as workshops, data collections, field trips, lectures, symposia.

While the AIFIS offices are currently closed to visitors during the pandemic, scholars can still reach out to the AIFIS Indonesia office by email to annas.bentari@aifis.org and yosef.djakababa@aifis.org.

Netta Anggia can be reached at netta.anggia@aifis.org.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - 2020

AIFIS delivers and hosts seminars, symposium, conferences, and research presentations by U.S. and Indonesian scholars, and fellows funded by the AIFIS grants. Distribution of AIFIS’s programs across Indonesia in 2020, and of US scholars’ research and dissemination of research work, are described below:

In 2020, AIFIS organized events and supported the work of U.S. scholars Indonesia in more than 22 cities in 15 provinces. These cities are for example, among others: Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Solo, Salatiga, Semarang, Malang, Surabaya, Depok, Bandung, Bogor, Bekasi, Pandeglang, Bali, Lampung, Palembang, Padang, Pekanbaru, Palangkaraya, Ambon, Palu, Manado, and Manokwari. AIFIS will continue to expand its collaborations with other partners across the United States and Indonesia.
Since its establishment in 2012 and the start of our operations in early 2013, we have completed a total of 436 academic programs in Indonesia, involving more than 46,599 scholars from the U.S. and Indonesia.

AIFIS marked the end of 2020 with the completion of a total of 45 in-country and collaborative program activities. The in-country programs were participated by a total of 9,946 scholars from the U.S. and Indonesia.

Throughout 2020, the Indonesia office assisted queries and requests from 11 U.S. scholars, primarily in the areas of assistance in finding in-country research partners, with research permit processes, and with the organization of the scholars’ presentations, required before scholars could fully completed their research work in Indonesia. The table below provides information about activities implemented each month in 2020, with the number of participants in attendance.

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AIFIS FELLOWSHIPS – STATUS UPDATE

The global pandemic has created a challenging situation for our scholars with regards to international travels. AIFIS decided to postpone the Call for Applications for our 2020 Fellowship program. The global pandemic also prompted a halt in the travel plans of our fellows. Currently, we have two AIFIS-CAORC fellows from the cohort of 2018 that have yet to complete their research travels. For the cohort of 2019, of the eight AIFIS-CAORC grant recipients, two have completed their research projects in Indonesia in 2020, and the remaining six are planning on completing their fellowship terms in 2021 or 2022, whenever the international travels can resume safely.

As for the four U.S. AIFIS-LUCE fellowship grant recipients, two have been able to complete research in 2020 and two others are planning their trips to Indonesia either in 2021 or 2022. There were eight Indonesian fellows selected as Luce grant recipients in 2019; Three have completed their programs in 2020 and one Indonesian researcher is currently visiting the United States to work on the collaborative research project with the U.S. research collaborator. The other four Indonesian scholars are planning on waiting to travel to the U.S. towards the end of 2021, if possible.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN 2020

Below is the list of some of our program activities in 2020, completed with image documentation and brief description about each program activity:

February 5-7, 2020:
In collaboration with The Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies (CESSAS) of Universitas Gadjah Mada, AIFIS organized a Southeast Asia (SEA) Talk on Digital Literacies of Indonesian Secondary Students: What Have We Learned? with speakers Jayne C. Lammers, Ph.D. (Fulbright U.S. Scholar & Associate Professor of University of Rochester and Puji Astuti, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor at Universitas Negeri Semarang, Indonesia).
February 16-18, 2020:
In collaboration with Pusat Kajian Bahasa dan Budaya of Universitas Atma Jaya, University of Maryland, and Cornell University, AIFIS organized an International Conference on Indonesian Languages and Linguistics: State of the Field, inviting key speakers such as: Abigail C. Cohn (Cornell University), Thomas Conners (University of Maryland), J. Joseph Errington (Yale University), Maya Ravindranath Abtahtian (University of Rochester), Asako Shiohara (ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Nicholas Palreyman (University of Central Lancashire), Sonja Riesberg (University of Cologne, Germany), David Gil (Max Planck Institute), Michael Ewing (The University of Melbourne), Bradley McDonnell (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa), and others. The conference is the first state-of-the-field conference ever held in Indonesia, bringing participation from linguistic scholars from the U.S., Indonesia, as well as other countries around the world with interest in the Indonesian language pedagogy.

May 12, 2020:
AIFIS President, Professor and Director of Michigan State University’s Asian Studies Center, Prof. Siddharth Chandra spoke as the keynote speaker for a conference on, "Lessons from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic for the Current Covid-19 Pandemic: A Historical Perspective from Indonesia and Other Countries."

This webinar examined aspects of the 1918 global influenza pandemic as it unfolded in Java and other locations across the world. Analysis of comparative data from Java, India, the United States, and other countries provides insights into policies that may have shaped how the pandemic spread across the globe and the toll it took in lives. A number of lessons can be drawn for public health policies as well as issues that local governments, health practitioners, and communities should potentially consider, anticipate, and prevent to minimize the risk of exacerbating the current pandemic. This event was organized by the Indonesian Students Association of the MSU (PERMIAS-MSU) and AIFIS.
June 22, 2020:
AIFIS, Jusuf Kalla School of Government, and Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) organized a virtual discussion on *Media Framing of Covid-19 and The Future of Media Post-Covid-19 Pandemic: Comparative Studies between America and Indonesia*. The discussions were led by speakers Wayne Wanta, Ph.D. (Professor in the Department of Journalism at University of Florida) and Taufiqurrahman, Ph.D (Vice-Rector of Universitas 'Aisyiyah Yogyakarta).

August 10, 2020:
AIFIS and the Faculty of Law – Universitas Merdeka Malang, organized a Webinar Discussion entitled Criminal Defamation and Free Speech in the Digital Age: Perspectives from Indonesia and the United States with Eka Nugraha Putra (AIFIS Luce Fellow & SJD Candidate di Indiana University Bloomington) and Professor Joseph Tomain (Law lecturer at Indiana University – Maurer School of Law, senior fellow at Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research) as keynote speakers. The event was streamed live here: 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Al3UsaL8nN8

August 13, 2020: In collaboration with the Faculty of Forestry, Universitas Gadjah Mada, AIFIS organized a webinar, entitled, “The Misinterpreted Forest” with Prof. Dr. Ahmad Maryudi (Universitas Gadjah Mada) and Micah R. Fisher, Ph.D. (University of Hawaii at Manoa) as speakers. Dr. Fisher is also an AIFIS-CAORC Fellow. 
Live recording is available here: 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UqtkJwbA0
August 16-18: AIFIS co-sponsored the annual linguistics conference, organized by the Center for Language & Cultural Studies of Universitas Atma Jaya. The international conference was held virtually, with invited speakers in attendance: Prof. Stefanie Shamila Pillai of Universiti Malaya, Dr. Willy A. Renandya of National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Prof. Asako Shiohara of the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Dr. Thomas J. Conners of The University of Maryland, and Marielle Butters of The University of Colorado, Boulder.

September 18-20, 2020: The National Association of Indonesian Students in the United States (PERMIAS) held a 3-day conference on Indonesian economy, The Warékada Series, "The Economic Path of a Nation." The conference looked at Indonesian economy from a historical perspective, in the past (Orde Lama and Orde Baru), as well as how it is currently, and an outlook into the future. Supported by AIFIS, the conference was held on September 18-20, 2020 and AIFIS President, Siddharth Chandra, delivered a lecture on Day 1, September 18th 08:00 AM Jakarta/September 17th, 08:00 PM Eastern.

September 28-29, 2020: The ELAN online workshop was a collaboration among AIFIS, Universitas Atma Jaya and Universitas Brawijaya. The workshop discussed the ELAN and its supporting software for utilization by linguists. The invited facilitators are Dr. Nick Williams of Colorado University, Boulder, and Dr. Regina Yanti of Universitas Atma Jaya.
October 16, 2020: AIFIS and the Michigan State University co-sponsored the U.S. screenings of the Indonesian Pluralities film series. The film series is the product of collaboration between the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS), Graduate School, Gadjah Mada University; the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University; and the WatchdoC Documentary. This project was made possible through the generous support of the Henry Luce Foundation. The screening of one of the film series, “In the Name of Belief” officially kickstarted the 69th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA 2020), as the first session of the conference. The screening was followed by a discussion and Q&A with Prof. Bob Hefner of Boston University, Dr. Zainal Abidin Bagir of Universitas Gadjah Mada and Dandhy Laksono of Watchdoc.

October 23, 2020: The Indonesian and Regional Languages Virtual Panel was held jointly by The Indonesia Programs Cornell and Yale, with support from AIFIS as a pre-event of the 20th bilingual Northeastern Conference on Indonesia. Initiated by the Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian Language (COTI), the program seeks to support field research by US students and researchers and to improve researchers’ academic Indonesian language and a regional language of their study.

October 24, 2020: The 20th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia, hosted by the Cornell Indonesian Association in cooperation with the Yale Indonesian Forum, was held virtually on October 24th, 2020. Academics of various backgrounds and studies were invited to share their work at the conference. The title of the conference was “Public Health and Well-Being in Indonesia: COVID-19 and Beyond” and the conference joined a series of events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Southeast Asian Program at Cornell. There was a total of 10 panelists that presented their work, and about a total of 70 participants attended the conference to listen to the panelists’ work.

The conference was split into 3 panels: COVID-19 in Indonesia, Health Networks in Rural Indonesia, and Stigma, Rejection and Colonialism. Between the first and second panel, Professor Siddharth Chandra of Michigan State University delivered the keynote address titled "Lessons from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic for the COVID-19 Pandemic: a Historical Perspective from Indonesia and Other Countries."

Jolanda M. Pandin from Cornell University and Indriyo Sukmono from Yale University delivered the opening and closing remarks respectively. Guests were welcomed and sponsors were mentioned during the opening remarks, and during the closing remarks, speakers were thanked, the importance of the Indonesian culture in America was discussed, and the topics of previous Northeastern Conferences were mentioned. The conference was supported and/or sponsored by Cornell’s Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC), the American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS), and Cornell’s Southeast Asian Program (SEAP).
**November 2-17, 2020:** AIFIS and the Indonesian Ministry of Research Technology (RISTEK-BRIN) jointly organized another workshop series of the Academic Writing for International Publication, drawing participation of more than 1,000 audiences.

In adapting to the current challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop series was offered virtually, including through synchronous and asynchronous sessions.

The workshop program with RISTEK-BRIN was divided into 3 sessions; 1) public lecture session which is open to public and is set as a webinar format, 2) author-mentor session which is designed only for selected manuscripts and let the selected participants to work closely with a number of AIFIS’s U.S faculty members, 3) one-on-one consultation session with AIFIS’s workshop facilitators, Dr. Paul Kratoska, Susan Nerney and Paul Nerney.

We appreciated the following AIFIS board members and faculty, for their time, commitment, and mentorships:

Dr. Kevin Fogg (UNC-Chapel Hill), Prof. Anna Tsing (University of California-Santa Cruz), Dr. Samantha Caughlan (Michigan State University), Prof. Pieternella van Doorn-Harder (Wake Forest University), Prof. Siddharth Chandra (Michigan State University), Prof. James Hoesterey (Emory University), Prof. Tom Pepinsky (Cornell University), Dr. Micah Fisher (University of Hawai’i at Manoa and Universitas Hasanuddin), Dr. Jenny Goldstein (Cornell University), Prof. Bob Hefner (Boston University), Prof. Nancy Smith-Hefner (Boston University), Prof. Kaja McGowan (Cornell University), Prof. Christian Lentz (UNC-Chapel Hill), Dr. Paul Kratoska, Prof. Stacey Sowards (The University of Texas at Austin).

AIFIS directly streamed the public lecture sessions in YouTube, and the links for the recordings of the public lecture sessions can be found here:

2. Public Lecture Day 2: [https://youtu.be/OaGgJunp6Po](https://youtu.be/OaGgJunp6Po)

**December 4-5, 2020:** AIFIS and the Master of International Relations Study Program, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Pelita Harapan, held the 1st International Relations Conference on "Indo-Pacific: Outlooks, Opportunities, Challenges" virtually on 4-5 December 2020. AIFIS joined other collaborating partners for this conference, among others the Ministry of Trade and the French Embassy for Indonesia, the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), the International Federation of Social Science Organizations (IFSSO) and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS).
This international conference brought experts in the field, among them are AIFIS’s board members and partners, Prof. Siddharth Chandra (President of AIFIS); Prof. Donald K. Emmerson, (Director Southeast Asia Program, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University); and Prof. Ann Marie Murphy, (Director of the Center for Emerging Powers & Transnational Trends, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University).

**November-December 2020:** The concept of providing simultaneous translations to Javanese Wayang Kulit performance series began in 2004, developed by one of the AIFIS’s Advisors, Dr. Kathryn Emerson. The idea is to allow non-Javanese speaking audience to understand and gain access to the beauty and complexity of this form of art.

AIFIS began supporting this effort in November 2020, and since then several performances with simultaneous translations have been successfully organized, among others:


- November 8, 2020: Wayang Kulit Berbahasa Inggris "Ramayana" Dalang : Ki Midiyanto S. Putra - YouTube


- December 28, 2020: LAKON KRESNA DUTA KI PURBO ASMORO - With English Translation by Kitsie Emerson - YouTube
Achievements: Target and Indicators

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<td>At least 10 AIFIS fellowship grantees from the US and Indonesia in a year</td>
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<td>At least 10 published research permits and research visa for US scholars and vice versa (AIFIS fellows and non-fellows)</td>
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<td>Actively updating AIFIS’s website and social media in disseminating information about various opportunities</td>
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<td>As per scholars requested, developing list of possible host institutions and research partners for US researchers in Indonesia and vice versa</td>
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PROGRAM OUTLOOK - 2021

• With the current situation surrounding the global pandemic COVID-19 and as we shifted our activities to the virtual space, we have created a broader audience interactions and engagement. The challenge brought by the pandemic has also provided us with opportunities to reach out to new partners and expand cooperation with them, among them are universities in the Eastern parts of Indonesia with strong Indonesian Studies program, such as the University of Hasanuddin, Halu Uleo University, ISI Denpasar, Udayana University, Tadulako University, Sam Ratulangi University, Universitas Cendrawasih, and Universitas Negeri Papua.

• Following the guidance, AIFIS postponed the announcement of its Fellowship programs in 2020. We, however, are planning on announcing the next Call for Applications in May of 2021. We will follow the health and safety guidelines, as mandated by our grantors.

• Virtual Visiting Scholars Program will continue to allow AIFIS current fellows to present their current work and engage with their Indonesian counterparts through AIFIS-supported virtual events and online platforms. The program contributes to enriching our research environment and provides networking opportunities for faculty members. This is particularly important when traditional travel is not possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that the program will contribute to the development of ongoing research relationships between scholars and universities in the U.S. and Indonesia. The Virtual US Visiting Professor Program will allow virtual exchange of knowledge and collaborations between our U.S. and Indonesian university partners and faculty members.

• In the fields of arts and performances, AIFIS, in collaboration with Dr. Kathryn Emerson, will continue to support the simultaneous Javanese-English translations of the wayang performances. We are working with other partners as well in expanding the outreach, knowledge and understanding of other forms of arts, such as the Sundanese and Balinese.

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gamelan, the Sumbanese dance and more, bringing them closer to international audience via our virtual platforms and engaged community members.

• The first virtual Conference of AIFIS Fellows is being planned for Spring or Summer 2021. The conference will bring together the 103 AIFIS grant recipients from 2013 to date in a virtual platform that will open dialogues, get new ideas and expand collaborations and engagement amongst the AIFIS community. We appreciate our group of engaged fellows and their active contribution to the studies of Indonesia.

• AIFIS is planning a panel at the forthcoming AAS conference in March 2020. The panel will invite participation from our colleagues in the Indonesian RISTEK-BRIN, the Indonesian Embassy in the U.S., the AMINEF-Fulbright office and the AIFIS Board members and fellows. AIFIS will be participating in the 2021 virtual AAS conference and we will be holding our annual board meeting in conjunction with the AAS conference as well.

• The Writing Workshop series will continue to be organized in collaboration with the Indonesian Ministry of Research and Technology. We plan to hold the workshop series in May 2021, to be followed by the AIFIS-MSU International Conference on the Studies of Indonesia in June. The workshop series have been instrumental in creating avenues for research connection and collaborations among the U.S. and Indonesia faculty and scholars.

• Two international conferences and documentary film screenings are already in the plan for 2021. The first international conference is expected to be organized in March 2020 with Universitas Gadjah Mada and the second international conference is to be organized end of June 2020. This will be a conference specific on the state of the Indonesian Studies and we expect participations from scholars from around the world, with majority of the scholars expected to be coming from Indonesia and the United States. The conference on Indonesian Studies will be organized jointly between AIFIS and the Michigan State University’s Asian Studies Program.

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(1) List of Activities 2020
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List of Indonesian Partners & Collaborators Who Worked with AIFIS in 2020

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM)
Universitas Atma Jaya, Jakarta

Ministry of Research & Technology, Republic of Indonesia
Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia (Indonesian Institute of Sciences)
Universitas Diponegoro Semarang
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Institut Seni Indonesia (ISI) Yogyakarta
Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII), Yogyakarta
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