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Parts of a Successful Application

The attached document contains selected portions of a previously funded grant application. It is not intended to serve as a model, but to give you a sense of how a successful application may be crafted. Every successful application is different, and applicants are urged to prepare a proposal that reflects their unique project and aspirations.

Prospective applicants should consult the application guidelines at <https://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/FOBP> for instructions.

Applicants are also strongly encouraged to consult with the NEH Office of Digital Humanities staff well before a grant deadline.

This attachment only contains the Book Information and the Letter of Support from the author, not the entire funded application. In addition, certain portions may have been redacted to protect the privacy interests of an individual and/or to protect confidential commercial and financial information and/or to protect copyrighted materials.

The application format may have been changed since this application was submitted. You must follow the guidelines in the currently posted Notice of Funding Opportunity (see above link).

Project Title: *Open Access Edition of Islamizing Intimacies: Youth, Sexuality, and Gender in Contemporary Indonesia* by Nancy J. Smith-Hefner

Institution: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Project Director: Joel Cosseboom

Grant Program: Fellowships Open Book Program



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Dear Sir/Ms.:

In the spring of 2019, University of Hawai‘i (UH) Press published my monograph, *Islamizing Intimacies: Youth, Sexuality, and Gender in Contemporary Indonesia*. The research for my book was partially funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2002-2003, award no. 37676-02); my project was entitled “Young Muslims: Religion, Education, and Gender Transformation in Java.” I write this letter in endorsement of UHP’s application to the Fellowships Open Book Program to release a free-to-download open-access (OA) edition of my work. If the application is successful, UH Press and I will execute a contract addendum stipulating that the OA edition is to be issued under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-No Derivs (CC BY-NC-ND) 4.0 license.

In my NEH Fellowship application I described my research project as “an examination of the social meanings and cultural consequences of a resurgent Islam on Javanese conceptions of gender, self, family, and moral education.” Through the words and experiences of educated youth involved in new forms of Islamic piety, I proposed to examine the impact of recent changes religious and social developments on young people’s views of masculinity and femininity, and explore the ambiguous implications of these changes for men and women’s identity as Javanese, Indonesians, and Muslims.

My final, published book did not stray far from my original proposal. However, a major, and somewhat unexpected, development was that because of the fluid and rapidly changing context of *reformasi* (post-1998) Indonesia and its impacts on youth culture, I ended up extending my project into a much longer time frame than I had originally anticipated. In addition to carrying

out over 250 in-depth interviews with young, educated, Muslim Javanese, I also followed a core group of Javanese youth over a period of 15 years, documenting their changing situation as related to education, career, dating, marriage, and settling into households of their own.

I would be extremely pleased if my book were to receive an NEH Open Book Fellowship, not in small part because of the possibility of my work becoming more accessible to Indonesians themselves. I also want to take this opportunity again to thank NEH for generously supporting my work. It would have been extremely difficult for me to have completed the manuscript without the support of the Endowment -- for which I am extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. Smith-Hefner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent.

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Book Information

Description

The work is an ethnographic study of educated Muslim Javanese youth in the city of Yogyakarta, the result of a fifteen-year, longitudinal study that began in 1999. It traces generational shifts related to young people's views of gender, sexuality, marriage, and family, showing a pervasive and genuine desire among growing numbers of Muslim youth to take a more active and comprehensive role in the profession of their faith. While this change is sometimes described as a deepening personal piety, many among these new Muslim youth also aspire to interactions and relationships characterized by a greater measure of informality and intimacy than was typical of the friendships and marital ties of their parents and grandparents. The "new Muslim romance" is characterized by the desire for more of a companionate, romantic partnership, as well as for self-actualization and for a deeper Islamic piety all in complex co-imbrication. Through all its nuances and variations, however, there is evidence of the inexorable abandonment of those practices and understandings deemed incompatible with a more normative understanding of Islam and a gradual but recognizable process of the "Islamization of intimacies."

Publication History

Islamizing Intimacies was released in hardcover and digital formats by University of Hawai'i Press in March 2019. A paperback edition followed in March 2020. The initial print run of the cloth edition totaled (b) (4) copies, individually priced at \$68.00; the initial print run of the paperback edition totaled (b) (4) copies, individually priced at \$28.00.

To date, the book has generated (b) (4) in sales revenue. The print edition has sold (b) (4) copies, the paperback edition (b) (4) and the PDF and Kindle formats have generated a combined (b) (4).

As of March 2021, the book has been accessed or downloaded on JSTOR a total of 326 times.

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NEH Acknowledgment

The acknowledgment of Dr. Smith-Hefner's NEH Fellowship appears on page x of the original publication. If an NEH Open Fellows Book Award is made, the NEH will again be acknowledged on the copyright page of the newly issued open-access editions.

Open Access Distribution

An open-access (OA) edition of *Islamizing Intimacies* would broaden the work's availability to its intended audience of scholars in the fields of Islam and gender, Southeast Asian and Indonesian studies, and youth studies. The OA edition could further be used as a freely available educational resource in undergraduate or graduate courses in anthropology, religious studies, or gender studies courses. Finally, the OA edition would likely be of greatest benefit to students, researchers, and other readers in Indonesia and other parts of Southeast Asia, who can be expected to consult the research in vastly greater numbers if the paid-access barrier is removed.

To disseminate the book as broadly as possible, University of Hawai'i Press will ensure that the OA editions are made available both on institutional platforms (JSTOR, De Gruyter, Project MUSE, OAPEN, and the Open Research Library) and via retail channels (ebooks.com, Amazon).