



Mr. Heri Purwanto, Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, visited area institutions April 27-28, 2015, as part of Bluefield State College's **Windows on the World Lecture Series**. The presentations were supported by the US Department of State and the WV Humanities Council. Pete Sternloff of Bluefield, West Virginia, hosted Mr. Purwanto in his home.

A specialist in teaching, conducting, and performing Gamelan music and dance, Heri Purwanto has taught courses in gamelan music and conducted communal concerts at the University of California, Berkeley; the University of Washington, Seattle; the University of Michigan; Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon; and at public performance venues in Thailand and in his native Indonesia.

AT BSC, Mr. Purwanto taught members of the audience and students of Mary Jackson's music appreciation class how to play various instruments unique to gamelan music composition and production. At the end of the workshop, they performed simple musical pieces, thereby acquiring first-hand experience in playing communal gamelan music.

Students of Lashmeet-Matoaka Elementary School enjoyed similar experiences. "This will truly open up a part of the world about which our students have little or no knowledge," said Deena Smith, Principal of Lashmeet-Matoaka Elementary School.

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