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### EDUCATION

2021

**Ph.D. in Anthropology**

Minor in Geography

Indiana University, Bloomington

Dissertation: "Diasporic Identities in the Age of Rising China: Tracing Contestations of China's Presence in the Caribbean"

2017

**M.A in Anthropology**

Indiana University, Bloomington

2013

**B.A. Honors in English Literature**

University of Central Florida

Honors Thesis: "An Intersectional Comparison of Female Agency in Toni Morrison's *Sula* and Wang Anyi's *Song of Everlasting Sorrow*"

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-Present

Associate Director of Research, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

The Ohio State University

2021-2023

Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures

African American Studies Affiliate, Mississippi State University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Chinese Diaspora; Chinese Development in the Caribbean; Migration and Transnationalism; Race/Ethnic Identity; Cultural Institutions; Postcolonial Theory; Caribbean Anthropology; Diasporic Diplomacy, Critical Geography; Geographic Information Systems Analysis; Critical Pedagogy

### PUBLICATIONS

**Peer Reviewed Articles**

Lynton Cox, Jordan. (2024) "What is a Hakka? Tracing the Development of Hakka Ethnic Identity in Jamaica" *Verge: Studies of Global Asia*. 10 (1): 108-135

Lynton Cox, Jordan. (2023) "Diasporic Diplomacy Across Multiple Chinas: Using Hybridities to Analyse Diasporic Diplomacy in Chinese Jamaican Communities" *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*. 1:1-32

Drane, Leslie E., Jordan Y. Lynton, Yari E. Cruz-Rios, Elizabeth Watts Malouchos, and Katherine D. Kearns. (2019). "Transgressive Learning Communities: Transformative Spaces for Underprivileged, Underserved, and Historically Underrepresented Graduate Students at Their Institutions." *Teaching & Learning Inquiry*. 7 (2): 106-120.

## Editorials

**Lynton Cox**, Jordan. (2023)“Towards a Diasporically Grounded Global-China Analytic.” *Global China Pulse*. 2 (1): 127-130

## Public Work/ Digital Scholarly Resources

Lynton Cox, Jordan (2023) “Transpacific Developments: A Conversation with Monica DeHart” *Global China Pulse*. 2 (1): 136-165. <https://thepeoplesmap.net/globalchinapulse/transpacific-developments-a-conversation-with-monica-dehart/>

Lynton, Jordan and Ruben Gonzalez-Vicente. (2022) “Country Profile for Jamaica.” *People’s Map of Global China*. <https://thepeoplesmap.net/country/jamaica/>

## GRANTS | FELLOWSHIPS | AWARDS

### Research Grants

2023-2025	<b>Jordan Lynton Cox</b> (PI), with Anna Osterhotz, Jesse Goliath, and Shawn Lambert (Co-PI’s). <i>Developing a Decolonial Field School: Teaching Community-Engaged and Decolonial Collection and Preservation Methods through a Field School Approach</i> . National Endowment for the Humanities (\$347,959)
2022-2023	Goliath, Jesse (PI), <b>Jordan Lynton</b> (Co-PI), Gabe Miller, Teresa Wilson. <i>Contextualizing Medico-legal Investigation and Health Disparities among BIPOC women in the Southeast United States</i> . Mississippi State University Race and Racism Research program. (\$10,000)
2018	Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (\$42,846)
2018	College of Arts and Humanities Institute Dissertation Travel Award; Indiana University, Bloomington (declined)
2017	Ida B. Wells Fellowship; Coordinating Council of Women in History (\$1,000)
2016	Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Graduate Student Research Grant; Indiana University, Bloomington (\$2,000)
2016	Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies Research Grant; Indiana University, Bloomington (\$900)
2016	Office of the Vice President for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant; Indiana University, Bloomington (\$1,725)
2015	David C. Skomp Feasibility Fellowship; Indiana University, Bloomington (\$2,511)

### Fellowships

2024-2025	Career Enhancement Fellowship, Institute for Citizens and Scholars. (Declined)
2022	Community Engaged Teaching Fellowship, Center for Community Engagement. Mississippi State University (\$1,000)
2020- 2021	Ostrom Fellowship, Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, Bloomington (\$10,000)
2019-2020	President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington (\$20,000)
2013- 2017	Ronald E. McNair Scholars Graduate Fellowship; Indiana University, Bloomington

### Additional Awards

2024	Institute of Higher Learning Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award Nominee for Mississippi State University.
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- 2022 American Anthropological Association/ OpEd Project Write to Change the World Workshop
- 2019 Reverend Dr. Ernest D. Butler Humanitarian Scholarship (\$5,000)
- 2019 American Ethnological Society Diversity Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2019 Women in Science Travel Award (\$500)
- 2017 Anthropology AI of the Year Award, for Outstanding Section Leader, “Interpersonal Communication”
- 2017 Asian American Studies Student Travel Award
- 2017 Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Travel Award
- 2015- 2017 Travel Award to Institute on Teaching and Mentoring
- 2015/16 David C. Skomp Travel Grant; Indiana University, Bloomington [2016 declined]

## CONFERENCES

### Papers Presented

- 2024 “Mapping Global China: Examining the Impact of the People’s Map of Global China as a Collaborative Pedagogical, Analytical, and Digital Tool” Association for Asian Studies. Seattle WA. March 16.
- 2024 “Tracing the (In) Visible Subject: Using In/visibility as a Framework to Explore Mutual Forms Precarity Experienced by Jamaicans and Chinese Nationals in Jamaica” Association for Asian Studies. Seattle, WA. March 17.
- 2023 “Mediating Afro-Asian Borderlands: Analysing the role of Chinese Cultural Associations as Diasporic Diplomats within Jamaica” International Colloquium on *Global African studies in the Caribbean and Latin America*. Virtual. February 14-15
- 2022 “Afro-Asian Relationalities: Research, Teaching & Practice” American Studies Association. New Orleans, LA. November 5
- 2022 “Mapping Impacts: The People’s Map of Global China” with Ivan Franceschini and Igor Rogelja. Environmental Law from Below: Grassroots and Human Rights Perspectives on the Human Environment Agenda (Stockholm +50). Nairobi, Kenya. September 27.
- 2020 “Deconstructing Global Rhetorics of ‘Mutuality’ and ‘Progress’ Surrounding Chinese Development in Jamaica” Ostrom Workshop Research Series. Bloomington, IN. November 11.
- 2020 What is a Hakka?: Exploring a Globalized Chinese Jamaican Racial Identity. American Ethnological Society Conference. Austin, TX. March 27 (conference cancelled because of COVID19)
- 2020 Toward a Global Anthropology of Race & Racism: From Arequipa to Dakar and Beyond. American Ethnological Society Conference. Austin, TX. March 27 (conference cancelled because of COVID19)
- 2019 “Mapping China in the Post-Colonial Caribbean.” Society for the History of Discoveries. Gainesville, FL. November 15
- 2017 “Foreign: Deconstructing Chinese Jamaican Transnational Identity Formation and Negotiations of Authenticity” American Historical Association. Denver, CO. January 6
- 2016 “Constructing Identity: An Examination of Chinese Jamaican Identity and Negotiations of Citizenship.” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Waikoloa, HI. August 5
- 2016 Oral History Conductor. Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics, Scandal in Real Time Conference. University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA, May 11-14

- 2016 “Strategic Identity Formation and Transnational Home Building in Chinese Jamaican Communities” CRRES Graduate Student Research Symposium, Bloomington, IN April 21
- 2016 “The Cost of Access: An Analysis of Local Perceptions of Chinese Development in Jamaica” Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference, Bloomington, IN March 5
- 2016 “Go Home Miss Chin: Deconstructing Chinese Jamaican Transnational Imaginaries of Home and Belonging” AGSA Symposium, Bloomington, IN February 21
- 2015 “Constructing Identity: An Examination of Chinese Jamaican Identity and Negotiations of Citizenship.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, PR, May 30

### **Organized Panels**

- 2024 “Mapping Global China: Examining the Impact of the People’s Map of Global China as a Collaborative Pedagogical, Analytical, and Digital Tool” Association for Asian Studies. Seattle WA. March 16.
- 2024 In/visible Global China. *with Igor Rogelia*. Association for Asian Studies. Seattle, WA. March 17.

### **Posters**

- 2024 “Discovering the Stories of the Past Together: Preserving the Brush Arbor/ Starkville Colored Cemetery Through Community-Engaged Practice” with Jesse R. Goliath, Anna Osterholtz, Shawn Lambert, and Aleisha Reynolds. Society for Applied Anthropology.
- 2022 "Mapping Medico-legal Disparities: The Mississippi Repository for Missing and Unidentified Persons" with Jesse R. Goliath. American Anthropological Association. Seattle, WA. November 11

### **Workshops**

- 2024 “Africa, Asia, and the Americas: Connections and Flows, Past and Present.” China-Africa Initiative. Washington DC. April 29-30.
- 2024 “China’s Trade and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean: Can the Escazú Agreement play a role in delivering climate and biodiversity outcomes?” China Dialogue Trust. Santiago, Chile. April 24-26.
- 2022 “Tracing the Chinese Migrant Body: Examining Sites of Neoliberalism, Hegemonies, and Counter Hegemonies in Jamaica” PoLAR Journal Workshop. American Anthropological Association. November 11
- 2022 “Breaking Boundaries: Pedagogies of Global Asia.” Global Asias Cyber Chat Symposium. Global Asian Studies Program. University of Illinois, Chicago (virtual). April 7-8
- 2021 “Diasporic Diplomacy” Race and Racism Working Group. Mississippi State University. Nov
- 2021 2021 STEM Women of Color Conclave. (Virtual). June 3-4
- 2020 “Social and Racial Relations in East Asia.” IL/IN Consortium National Dissertation Workshop
- 2018 Social Justice Writers Retreat. African American Policy Forum. Negril, JA, June 22-30
- 2016 Workshop on Race Ethnicity and Mobility. Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society. Bloomington, IN, November 3

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS | TALKS | GUEST LECTURES**

- 2023 Brown Bag Talk “Building an Anthropology “for the People”: Developing a Community Engaged and Equity based Research Praxis?” Center for Folklore Studies, The Ohio State University. December 1.
- 2023 Invited Talk, “Hybrid Diasporas in the Age of Rising China: Tracing Contestations of China’s Presence in the Caribbean” University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. November 9.
- 2023 Guest Lecture, “Building an Anthropology ‘for the people’: Developing a Community Engaged and Equity Based Research Praxis.” Introduction to Equity Education, Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. March 28.
- 2023 Guest Lecture, Graduate Qualitative Methods, Sociology. Mississippi State University. Feb 7
- 2022 Guest Lecture, Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies. Indiana University, Bloomington. October 19
- 2020 Guest Lecture “The Road for China in Latin America” Great Decisions, Indiana University, Bloomington. October 13
- 2020 Guest Lecture “Afro-Asian Formations of Race” Americans Studies, Yale University. February 25
- 2019 Discussion for ‘Discovering Ms. Chin.’ New York Hakka Conference, October 6
- 2018 Presenter for “Anthropology: Science of Storytelling.” Chinese Cultural Association. Kingston, Jamaica. November 28
- 2018 Presenter for “Insights on Community Building at the Chinese Benevolent Association.” Chinese Benevolent Association. Kingston, Jamaica. November 22
- 2016 Guest Lecture “Caribbean Literature” American Studies, Indiana University. Sept. 22
- 2016 Presenter for “Principles of Effective Lesson Design.” Associate Instructor Teaching Orientation. Indiana University. August 18
- 2015 Guest Lecture “Race in Jamaica,” in History of Race in the Americas.” African American and African Diaspora Studies. Indiana University. October 25
- 2015 Guest Lecture “Open(ing) Academia,” in Democratizing Access- The Open-Source Course. Collins Living Learning Community. Indiana University. October 15
- 2016 Presenter for “Leading Discussions Around Hot Topics” Associate Instructor Teaching Orientation. Indiana University. March 2 (Similar panel on August 20, 2015)
- 2015 Presenter for “For Graduate Students: A Roundtable Discussion on Teaching Development Issues for Diverse Associate Instructors”. CITL High Impact Practices Series. Indiana University. March 4
- 2014 Panel discussion organizer for. “White Classrooms, Brown Teachers: When “Diversity” Means YOU. Indiana University. November

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2022-Present Brush Arbor/ Starkville Colored Community-Engaged Field Program  
PI and Founding Director of a NEH sponsored project to create a three-year interdisciplinary field school preserving and documenting a historic African American cemetery in Starkville, MS as well as digital archive for the cemetery. In collaboration with Jackson State University’s Margaret Walker Center
- 2022-Present Mississippi Missing and Unidentified Persons Repository

CO-PI for a project in collaboration with Mississippi law enforcement agencies and the LSU FACES lab to create a public searchable repository of all missing and unidentified individuals in Mississippi.

- 2015-2021      Dissertation: “Diasporic Identities in the Age of Rising China: Tracing Contestations of China’s Presence in the Caribbean”  
Dissertation research on how remnants of colonial racist logics still bind the political, economic, spatial, and emotional mobility of Black and Asian bodies in the diaspora. Includes transnational ethnographic research in Jamaica, the United States as Canada, as well as archival and spatial analysis.
- 2015- 2019      CBA Ancestral Villages Digital Mapping Project  
An interactive online map detailing the 290 villages that many Chinese Jamaican families migrated from in the 19th century, as well as searchable migration database.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Mississippi State University

*Lower Division Courses*

- “Cultural Anthropology” (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)  
“Cultural Anthropology” Online (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)  
“Introduction to Anthropology” (Fall 2021)  
“Introduction to Race and Ethnicity” (Fall 2021)

*Grad/Undergraduate Split-Level Courses*

- Global Asia (Fall 2023)  
Anthropology of International Development -Community Engaged Learning Course (Fall 2022)

Adjunct Lecturer, Brooklyn College

“Cultures and Transformations.” Department of Anthropology

Associate Instructor (GA), Indiana University

Department of Anthropology

- “Interpersonal Communication” (Spring 2021, Fall 2014-Spring 2016)  
“Introduction to Archaeology” (Spring 2020)  
“Language and Culture.” (Fall 2016)

American Studies

“What is America?” (Fall 2017)

Developed Courses-Collins Living Learning Center

“Narratives from the Caribbean: Conquest, Colonialism, and Culture.” (Spring 2017)

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION AND MENTORING**

#### **Graduate Students**

- 2021- Present      *Thesis Committee Member, Maria Schrupp, Department of Anthropology*  
2022- Present      *Thesis Committee Member, Larra Dioboya Department of Anthropology*  
2022- Present      *Dissertation Committee Member, Monet Kees, Department of Instructional Systems and Workforce Development*

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2022-Present Editorial Board, The People's Map of Global China/ Global China Pulse  
2017-2021 Student Councilor, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

#### **DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2023 College Senate Committee to Review Promotion and Tenure Documents  
2022- 2023 Organizer, Race and Racism Workshop, Mississippi State University  
2022-2023 Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, Mississippi State University  
2022-2023 Curriculum Committee, Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University  
2021-2023 Library Liasson, Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University  
2017-2018 Committee Member, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity Speaker Series Committee  
2016-2017 Organizer, Asian Diaspora Research Group  
2014-15/ 2016-17 Retention Emissary, Emissaries for Graduate Student Diversity. Indiana University  
2015- 2016 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Faculty Advisory Board  
Fall 2014 Co-Creator and Facilitator, "Intersections of Identity and Instruction Graduate Student Learning Community." Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning/Emissaries for Graduate Student Diversity

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

2023- Present Board Member, JL Community King  
2023-Present Oktibbeha County Chapter of NAACP

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

2023 "The Work of Decolonizing a Neglected Historic Black Cemetery in Starkville" Mississippi Free Press. August 14. <https://www.mississippifreepress.org/35478/the-work-of-decolonizing-a-neglected-historic-black-cemetery-in-starkville>  
2023 "Historic Black Cemetery Project Discovers 40 Unmarked Graves" The Commercial Dispatch. July 31. <https://cdispatch.com/category-news/historic-black-cemetery-project-discovers-40-unmarked-graves/>  
2023 "College Students Nationwide Support a Mission to Preserve the Historic Brush Arbor Cemetery in Starkville. WCBI. July 16. <https://www.wcbi.com/college-students-nationwide-support-a-mission-to-preserve-the-historic-brush-arbor-cemetery-in-starkville/>  
2023 "Historic Cemetery to be Preserved Digitally" The Commercial Dispatch. March 11. <https://cdispatch.com/category-news/historic-cemetery-to-be-preserved-digitally/>  
2023 "Effort Underway to Preserve Black Cemetery in Starkville" WTVA News. March 1 [https://www.wtva.com/video/effort-underway-to-preserve-black-cemetery-in-starkville/video\\_9a53c7e8-b94f-5fcc-bfb8-6b0b39043090.html](https://www.wtva.com/video/effort-underway-to-preserve-black-cemetery-in-starkville/video_9a53c7e8-b94f-5fcc-bfb8-6b0b39043090.html)  
2023 Vision TV Interview, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, <https://www.cas.msstate.edu/communications/vision-tv>  
2023 "Black History Preservation: MSU faculty Members receive NEH Grant to Investigate Field School, Local Cemetery" <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2023/02/black-history-preservation-msu-faculty-members-receive-neh-grant>

- 2021 “The Cultural Impacts of Chinese Impacts of Infrastructure Projects in Jamaica with Jordan Lynton” Kelley Institute of International Business, Bloomington, IN.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMRQ-22Lc-I>
- 2017 Interviewed in “Bonds of the Promised Land” (film). By Khroma Key Media. Kingston, JA

**LANGUAGE**

English (native), Mandarin (low-intermediate), Jamaican patois (fluent)

**SKILLS**

Geographic Information Systems (intermediate)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Mississippi Crime and Justice Research Unit  
Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy  
American Anthropological Association  
American Studies Association  
Asian Studies Association  
Latin American Studies Association