

JORDAN LYNTON COX
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Equity-focused researcher and strategist with expertise in diaspora studies, community-engaged research, and global development. Proven leader in cross-sector collaboration, applied ethnography, and public scholarship. Experienced project manager with over \$400,000 in secured funding, directing interdisciplinary teams and translating academic insights into impact-driven outcomes. Demonstrated success in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and institutional development, with a commitment to mentoring and public impact.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Qualitative and Applied Research	Project Management & Stakeholder Collaboration
Research Communication	Community Engagement & Facilitation
Fundraising & Grant Leadership	Strategic Planning & Vision Setting
Public Writing & Speaking	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Research

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University | 2024–Present

- Lead strategic planning and research development as part of institute leadership.
- Spearheaded strategic initiatives aligning research outputs with institutional and policy priorities.
- Directed statewide, multi-sector initiatives on racial equity in health, housing, education, and economic opportunity.
- Supervised interdisciplinary teams (up to 7 researchers), applying qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Cultivated partnerships with government agencies, academic institutions, and community organizations.
- • Mentored early-career professionals and streamlined project workflows using Teams, Excel, and Smartsheet.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Mississippi State University | 2021–2023

- Designed and led community-engaged research projects in partnership with local community organizations, including a NEH-funded field school preserving a historic Black cemetery.
- Co-PI on state repository for missing/unidentified persons in partnership with law enforcement.
- • Taught courses on global development, race, and ethnography; co-advised graduate theses.
- • Served on Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee, and Library Advisory Board.

Research Fellow–Ostrom Workshop & Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity

Indiana University, Bloomington | August 2020-May 2021

- Integrated the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework and Social-Ecological Systems (SES) models into research.
- Contributed to the development of a web-based database of teaching tools and methodologies
- Engage with the Ostrom Workshop’s intellectual community (including faculty, postdocs, and visiting scholars) through participation in interdisciplinary colloquia and seminars.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology

Brooklyn College | January 2019-May 2019

- Taught two sections of “Cultures and Transformations” (up to 35 students) which focused on cultural anthropology, with emphasis on themes such as globalization, identity, resistance, migration, and social change.
- Applied inclusive pedagogy and assessed student performance.
- Collaborate with department faculty to support curriculum goals and student success.

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellow

Kingston, Jamaica | February-December 2018

- Conducted transnational dissertation research on Chinese diaspora and racial identity in the Caribbean.
- Developed a digital migration database and interactive map of Chinese Jamaican ancestral villages.
- Conducted over 30 interviews and built relationships with organizations and businesses throughout Jamaica

Associate Instructor, Indiana University, Bloomington

August 2014- December 2017 and January 2020-December 2020

- Taught courses in Cultural Anthropology, Communication, Archaeology, and American Studies.
- Designed syllabi, assessed student work, and supported curriculum development.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology | Minor: Geography | Indiana University, Bloomington

M.A., Anthropology | Indiana University Bloomington

B.A., English Literature (Honors) | University of Central Florida

SELECT GRANTS & AWARDS

- Leadership Columbus Signature Program (2025-2026)
- NEH Grant (2023–24), \$347,959 – PI
- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Award (2018), \$42,846
- Ostrom Fellowship, Indiana University
- Critical Difference Grant, The Ohio State University (2025)

SELECT SERVICE

- Editorial Board, The People’s Map of Global China/ Global China Pulse (2022-Present)
- Reviewer, Economic Anthropology (2024)
- Board Member, JL Community King Center (2023-2024)
- Organizer, Race and Racism Workshop, Mississippi State University (2022-2023)
- Student Councilor, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (2017-2021)
- Organizer, Asian Diaspora Research Group (2016-2017)

SELECT PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA FEATURES

- Mississippi Free Press: *Decolonizing a Neglected Historic Black Cemetery in Starkville*
- WTVA News, Vision TV (MSU), The Commercial Dispatch
- Featured in Global China Pulse, The People’s Map, and Kelley Institute of International Business

ADDITIONAL

Languages: English (native), Mandarin (conversational), Jamaican Patois (fluent)

Tools: NVivo, ArcGIS (intermediate), Qualtrics, Zoom, Miro

Affiliations: American Anthropological Association, Latin American Studies Association, Asian Studies Association