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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2021-Present      Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Department of  
Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures  
African American Studies Affiliate, Mississippi State University

### **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"

### **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**

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." In *Teaching & Learning Inquiry*: 7 (2): 106-120.

#### **Under Review**

Lynton, Jordan. "What is a Hakka? Tracing the Development of Hakka Ethnic Identity as a Tool  
for Resistance by Afro-Chinese Jamaicans" *Verge: Studies of Global Asia* (Revise and  
Resubmit)

Lynton, Jordan. "Diasporic Diplomacy across Multiple Chinas: Using Hybridities to Analyse  
Diasporic Diplomacy in Chinese Jamaican Communities" *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*  
(Revise and Resubmit)

## Under Preparation

Lynton, Jordan. “Common Vulnerabilities: Examining Sites of Neoliberalism, Hegemonies, and Counter Hegemonies in Jamaica”

## Public Work

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 **Jordan Lynton Cox** (PI), with Anna Osterhotz, Jesse Goliath, and Shawn Lambert (Co-PI’s). *Developing a Decolonial Field School: Teaching Community-Engaged and Decolonial Collection and Preservation Methods through a Field School Approach*. National Endowment for the Humanities (\$347,959)
- 2022-2023 Goliath, Jesse (PI), **Jordan Lynton** (Co-PI), Gabe Miller, Teresa Wilson. *Contextualizing Medico-legal Investigation and Health Disparities among BIPOC women in the Southeast United States*. 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

- 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

- 2022 American Anthropological Association/ OpEd Project Write to Change the World Workshop

2022 Community Engaged Teaching Fellowship, Mississippi State University (\$1,000)

2019-Present 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

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

### **Posters**

- 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**

- 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 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,
- 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 Community-Engaged Field Program  
PI for 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.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Mississippi State University*

Spring 2023                    “Cultural Anthropology” (63 enrolled)  
Fall 2022                      “Anthropology of International Development -Community Engaged Course”(10 enrolled)  
                                      “Cultural Anthropology” (167 enrolled)  
                                      “Cultural Anthropology Online” (18 enrolled)  
Spring 2022                    “Cultural Anthropology” (88 enrolled)  
Fall 2021                        “Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (37 enrolled)  
                                      “Introduction to Anthropology ” (69 enrolled)

*Adjunct Lecturer, Brooklyn College*

Spring 2019                    “Cultures and Transformations.” Department of Anthropology

*Associate Instructor (GA), Indiana University*

Spring 2021                    “Interpersonal Communication” Department of Anthropology  
Spring 2020                    “Introduction to Archaeology” Department of Anthropology  
Fall 2017                        “What is America?” Department of American Studies  
Spring 2017                    Instructor of Record, “Stories from the Caribbean: Conquest, Colonialism, and Culture.” Collins Living Learning Center  
Fall 2016                        “Language and Culture.” Department of Anthropology  
Fall 2014-                      Instructor of Record, “Interpersonal Communication.” Department  
Spring 2016                      of Anthropology / Communication and Culture

*Related Experiences*

2016-2018                      Graduate Assistant- Asian American Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington

## **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**

2022- Present                    Organizer, Race and Racism Workshop, Mississippi State University  
2022-Present                    Editorial Board, The People’s Map of Global China  
2022-Present                    Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, Mississippi State University

2021-Present *Committee Member*, Library Committee, Mississippi State University  
 2017-2021 Student Councilor, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology  
 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

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

2023 “Effort Underway to Preserve Black Cemetery in Starkville” WTVA News [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 “Historic Cemetery to be Preserved Digitally,” The Dispatch, <https://cdispatch.com/news/2023-03-11/historic-cemetery-to-be-preserved-digitally/>  
 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  
 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

**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

J.L. King Center  
 NAACP