

DR. JORDAN LYNTON COX

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Passionate about people and translating research into actionable public impact. Research-informed leader with U.S. and international experience designing, leading, and scaling multi-sector initiatives. Proven track record in stakeholder engagement, cross-sector collaboration, and managing interdisciplinary teams. Secured \$400K+ in funding and managed projects totaling \$700K+ in sponsored research initiatives.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Project Management	Qualitative Research Methods
Stakeholder Engagement	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Community Engagement & Facilitation	Research Communication
Grant Writing and Management	Research Infrastructure Development
Strategic Planning & Vision Setting	Public Writing & Speaking

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology | Minor: Geography | Indiana University, Bloomington (2021)

M.A., Anthropology | Indiana University Bloomington (2017)

B.A., English Literature (Honors) | University of Central Florida (2013)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Research

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

- Provide institute-wide leadership on **research strategy, planning, and development**, aligning outputs with institutional and policy priorities
- Lead **statewide, multi-sector research initiatives** advancing racial equity in health, housing, education, and economic opportunity
- Direct and supervise **interdisciplinary research teams (up to 7 staff)** using qualitative and quantitative methods
- Build and sustain partnerships with **government agencies, academic institutions, and community organizations**
- Mentor early-career researchers and **optimize project management workflows** (Teams, Excel, Smartsheet)

Editor (Co-Editor, China–Latin America & Caribbean)

People’s Map of Global China / Global China Pulse | 2022–Present

- Lead editorial strategy for China–LAC coverage within an international public scholarship platform
- Commission, edit, and publish **policy-relevant analysis** on China’s political, economic, and social engagement in the region
- Recruit and mentor an international network of contributors, including early-career researchers
- Collaborate with global partners to expand reach, knowledge production, and **funding opportunities**

Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Mississippi State University | 2021–2023

- Designed and led **externally funded, community-engaged research**, including an NEH-supported field school preserving a historic Black cemetery
- Co-PI on a **statewide missing and unidentified persons repository** in partnership with law enforcement

- Taught and advised students in global development, race, and ethnographic methods
- Served in institutional governance roles supporting curriculum and research infrastructure

Research Fellow

Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University | 2020–2021

- Selected as a fellow at a Nobel Prize–affiliated research center focused on governance of the commons
- Collaborated on interdisciplinary research initiatives spanning multiple social science fields
- Co-developed a web-based database of teaching tools and research methodologies, improving accessibility for scholars and educators
- Contributed to academic discussions, workshops, and collaborative research projects

Research Fellow

Fulbright-Hays Program, Kingston, Jamaica | Feb–Dec 2018

- Selected for a highly competitive, federally funded international research fellowship supporting advanced overseas study
- Conducted international, mixed-methods research on economic development, migration, race, and the Chinese diaspora in the Caribbean
- Designed and developed a digital migration database and interactive map of Chinese Jamaican ancestral villages
- Conducted 30+ interviews and cultivated partnerships with local organizations and businesses across Jamaica
- Synthesized qualitative and quantitative findings to support research outputs and presentations

Earlier Teaching Experience (Selected)

Indiana University; Brooklyn College | 2014–2020

- Taught undergraduate courses and applied inclusive pedagogy
- Applied inclusive pedagogy and assessed student performance.
- Collaborated with department faculty to support curriculum goals and student success.

SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (additional upon request)

- Barry, Rob and **Jordan Lynton Cox** (2026) “Tending to the Dead and Dying: Blackness, Memory, and the Black Study Praxis of Witness in African American Death Care and Cemetery Preservation” (Under Review-*Transforming Anthropology*)
- Lynton Cox**, Jordan (2025). Triangulaciones raciales transregionales: Examinando la alteridad racial china en Jamaica a través del marco de la(s) triangulación(es) racial(es) (múltiples). *Estudios Avanzados*, 43: 1-30.
- Lynton Cox**, Jordan. (2023) “Diasporic Diplomacy Across Multiple Chinas: Using Hybridities to Analyse Diasporic Diplomacy in Chinese Jamaican Communities” *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*. 19 (2):376-407

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

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

Tools: Dedoose, ArcGIS (intermediate), Qualtrics, Zoom, Smartsheet, Microsoft Office Suite, Notion