

## LAUREN LEDIN (雷亭)

**MARCH 2021**

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
1126 EAST 59TH STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60637  
LLEDIN@UCHICAGO.EDU

### AREAS OF RESEARCH

Bioarchaeology, Bronze Age China, mortuary theory, life course, kinship and relatedness, childhood, personhood, gender

### EDUCATION

(PhD) **University of Chicago**, IL (expected degree 2021)

PhD candidate, Department of Anthropology.

“Revisiting Lineage: a bioarchaeological life course approach to relatedness at the Late Shang capital of Yinxu (ca. 1200-1050 BCE)”

MA **University of Chicago**, IL (2016)

Department of Anthropology.

“Foundations of Lineage: Subadult Remains at the Late Shang Capital of Yinxu”  
Readers: Dr. Alice Yao and Dr. Kathleen Morrison

BA **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, WI (2012)

Chinese and Anthropology

**National Taiwan University**, Taiwan (2010-2011)

Year-long study abroad for Chinese language immersion

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK

2017 **Anyang, China** (July-August)

Field osteologist. Served as field osteologist for ongoing Dasikong Cun excavations, including excavation of a set of a dozen urn burials of infant and fetal remains from within building foundations.

2016 **Anyang, China** (April-May)

Field osteologist, supervisor. Served as field osteologist for Dasikong Cun excavations, and supervised and mentored two undergraduate students from Anyang University as they began their study of general osteological methods.

2015 **Anyang, China** (August-September)

Conducted age estimations and preliminary paleopathological analyses on 47 sets of human remains. Results provided data for my master’s thesis.

- 2015 **Kampsville, Illinois** (June-July)  
Arizona State University. Six-week intensive bioarchaeological field school led by Dr. Jane Buikstra. Intermediate level course work including a final project analyzing perimortem trauma on six isolated crania from Elizabeth Site.
- 2014 **Yunnan, China** (August-September)  
Excavator, Supervisor. University of Chicago/Yunnan Provincial Archaeology Center Dian Heartland Project. Excavated and mapped wet excavation of Dian Culture deposits, supervised contract laborers, and conducted preliminary ceramic and lithic analyses.
- 2014 **New Mexico, U.S.A.** (June-July)  
Crew Chief. Columbia/Barnard College. The Gorge Project. Crew chief for survey to locate and record Pueblo, Comanche, and modern rock art and petroglyphs in the Rio Grande Gorge. Supervised 12 seniors from Barnard College as they gathered data for their senior theses.
- 2013 **Anyang, China** (June)  
Conducted preliminary osteological analysis on set of 57 infant remains excavated during the 2007 field season.
- 2013 **Beiqian, China** (April-June)  
Excavator. Shandong University/University of Chicago joint field school. Excavated unit T2218 of Dawenkou Culture through Western Zhou period residential area. Conducted post-excavation osteological and ceramic analyses.
- 2012 **Anyang, China** (May - June)  
University of British Columbia. Six-week archaeological field school focused on experimental archaeology of pottery production and bronze casting, and excavation of a Late Shang period residential area.

#### LABORATORY AND OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2020 Co-curator. **University of Chicago Anthropology Department** Human Skeletal Collection, Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Bioarchaeology Intern. IMLS project "Collaborative Curation: Building a 21st Century Model for the Care of North American Human Remains." Supervised by Dr. Stacy Drake. **The Field Museum**, Chicago, IL.
- 2018 Osteological specialist. **Max Planck-Harvard Research Center for the Archaeoscience of the Ancient Mediterranean (MHAAM) project/Oriental Institute**. Osteological analysis of skeletal remains from Tell Kurdu (Turkey). Sample selection for aDNA analysis and pathogen testing of adults and subadults. Oriental Institute, Chicago, IL.

2011-2012 Research Assistant. Conducted undergraduate research on Late Shang Dynasty jade production methods in Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer's Experimental Archaeology Lab. **University of Wisconsin-Madison**. Madison, WI.

#### PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS

2017 Zhongguo Kaogu, "Large Spring and Autumn Period Cemetery Found in Nanqin Village, Shanxi Province" [山西南秦村发现春秋时期大型墓地]. **Translated by Lauren Ledin**, *Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IA CASS)* website. October 4, 2017. [http://www.kaogu.net.cn/en/News/New\\_discoveries/2017/1024/59902.html](http://www.kaogu.net.cn/en/News/New_discoveries/2017/1024/59902.html)

#### EXTERNAL TALKS

- 2020 \* "New Perspectives on Age in Early China: a Bioarchaeological Life Course Approach to the Late Shang Capital of Yinxu (ca. 1200-1050 BCE)," **Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Conference**, Austin, TX. April 25, 2020. \*Session chair. Conference cancelled.
- 2019 "Local Work and National Heritage at the Chinese site of Yinxu," **Anthropological Association of America (AAA) Annual Conference**, Vancouver, Canada. November 23, 2019.
- 2019 "生物考古学和生命历程理论如何改变我们对晚商殷墟的理解" 中国社会科学院考古研究所, 北京. 7月2日. ["How a bioarchaeological life course approach can change our understanding of the Late Shang capital of Yinxu," **Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences**, Beijing, China. July 2, 2019]
- 2018 "殷墟生物考古学, 墓葬, 与“生命历程”理论" 殷墟科学发掘九十周年纪念大会, 河南省安阳市. 10月14日. ["Bioarchaeology, Graves, and Lifecourse Theory at Yinxu," **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the Scientific Excavation of Yinxu**, Anyang, Henan Province, China. October 14, 2018]
- 2018 "'Rectangular Cauldron', a Late Shang bronze *ding* vessel," University Partner Day, **Art Institute of Chicago**, Chicago, IL. February 10, 2018.

- 2017 “Subadults of the Late Shang: What We Can Learn from their Graves and Remains at Anyang,” Anthropology Department, **Washington University in St. Louis**. April 27, 2017.
- 2017 “Foundations of Lineage: Subadult Remains at the Late Shang Capital of Yinxi,” **Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Conference**, Vancouver, Canada. March 29, 2017.
- 2016 “生物考古学：死能对证,” 安阳师范学院, 河南省安阳市. 5月13日与李丹妮, 耶鲁大学的博士生。[“Bioarchaeology: The Dead Can Testify,” **Anyang Normal University, Anyang, Henan Province, China**. May 13, 2016, co-presented with Daniela Wolin, Yale Ph.D Candidate.]
- 2016 “未成人的发展” 安阳工作站, 中国社会科学院考古所, 河南省安阳市, 5月7日[“The Development of Subadults,” **Anyang Archaeology Work Station, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)**, Anyang, Henan Province, China. May 7, 2016.]

#### INTERNAL TALKS

- 2017 “Subadults of the Late Shang: What We Can Learn from their Graves and Remains at Anyang,” University of Chicago Ancient Civilizations Workshop, Chicago, IL. March 10, 2017
- 2016 “Foundations of Lineage: Subadult Remains at the Late Shang Capital of Yinxi,” University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop (IAW), Chicago, IL. January 14, 2016.

#### GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2019 The Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. “Revisiting Lineage: a life course approach to relatedness at the Late Shang capital of Yinxi”
- 2017 Marion R. & Adolph J. Lichtstern Grant for Student Conference Travel
- 2013 University of Chicago Beijing Center Travel Grant
- 2012 University of Wisconsin-Madison Anthropology Department Luce Foundation Grant

**COMPETITIVE AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS – EXTERNAL**

- 2018-2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Program (IIE) Research grantee to China, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) affiliation, national award
- 2014-2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP), national award
- 2012 Archaeological Institute of America Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship, national award

**COMPETITIVE AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS – INTERNAL**

- 2020-2021 University of Chicago Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2019-2020 University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019-2020 University of Chicago Social Sciences Research Center (SSRC) Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2013-2014 University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) China Committee Fellowship

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Guest lecture and bioarchaeology workshop for Dr. Alice Yao's course "People's Garbage," University of Chicago, IL. November 14, 2019. (Lecture and workshop also given November 9, 2017)
- 2018 Guest lecturer for Dr. Li Yung-ti's course "Archaeology of Anyang: Bronzes, Inscriptions, and World Heritage," University of Chicago, IL. February 14, 2018.
- 2018 Teaching assistant for Dr. Maria Cecilia Lozada's course "Bioarchaeology and the Human Skeleton," University of Chicago, IL (position also held in 2016)
- 2017 Teaching intern for Dr. Johanna Ransmeier's course "Gender and Sexuality in World Civilization," University of Chicago, IL
- 2015 Teaching assistant for Dr. Guy Alitto's course "East Asian Civilizations: China," University of Chicago, IL

**RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2018 Mandarin-English Translator, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the Scientific Excavation of Yinxu, Anyang, Henan Province, China.
- 2018 Research Assistant for Dr. Alice Yao, University of Chicago Anthropology Department, Chicago, IL (position also held 2013-2014)
- 2017 Mandarin-English Translator, Shanghai Archaeology Forum (position also held 2013)
- 2012-2013 Archaeology Reinventory Assistant, Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI
- 2012-2013 Exhibits Department Intern, Madison Children's Museum, Madison, WI

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2017 Member, Student Committee on Anthropology Program Archaeology Track Curriculum Development

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- 2019 "Bones!" in the "Meet a Scientist" series, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL (August 16, 2019).
- 2018 Chinese-English translator for exhibit content, Yinxu UNESCO World Heritage Site Museum, Anyang, China.
- 2013-2015 Youth and Family Programming Volunteer, University of Chicago Oriental Institute, Chicago, IL

**LANGUAGES**

- English Native Speaker
- Chinese Advanced speaking and listening, intermediate reading
- German Intermediate speaking, listening, and reading

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
- Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)
- American Anthropological Association (AAA)

**REFERENCES**

Available on Request