

# **WHAT IN THE WORLD IS AN *ANTHROPOLOGIST??***

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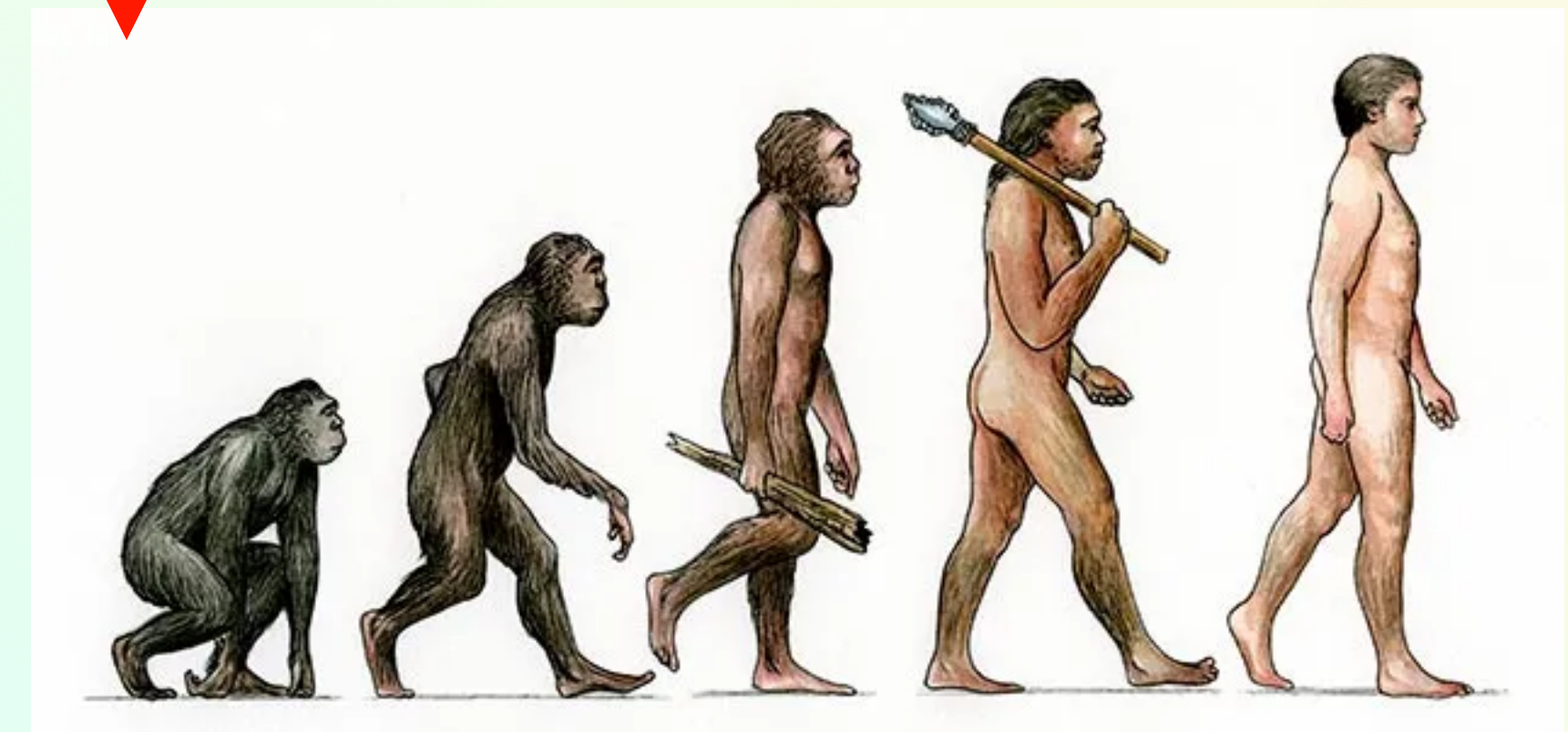
# **HAVE YOU EVER...**

- **Wondered why you look the way you do?**
- **Wondered why you think the way you do?**
- **Wondered where you came from?**
- **Wondered how you are different from animals?**
- **Thought about how humans came to dominate the planet?**
- **And potentially destroy it?**
- **Why we are so interested in “stuff”?**

# DO YOU LIKE...

- Thinking?
- Traveling?
- Working with people who are different from you?
- Watching people (or animals!)?
- Talking to people (not animals ... usually)?
- Helping people?

**Chimp-like ancestor (not a chimp)**



**THEN YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT A  
CAREER AS AN ANTHROPOLOGIST**

# ANTHROPOLOGY IS...

The study of humanity

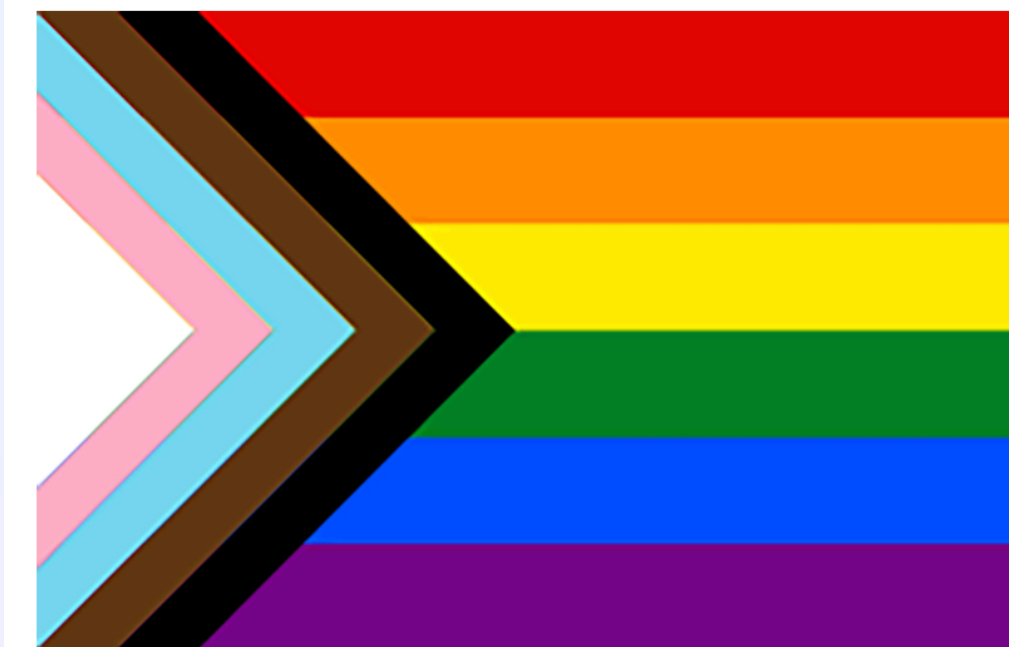
In all its variation

- How we evolved
- How we express ourselves
- **Culturally, linguistically, materially**

## Celebrating Pride Month at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology: I. Queer Anthropology

Maxwell Museum Blog

Post Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022



*To commemorate pride month, and to express our support for the LGBTQ+ community, throughout the month, the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology will be posting relevant blog posts written by scholars and curators that tell related stories, as they are to be found embedded in our collections.*

*Histories, cultures and stories of the LGBTQ+ communities and historic antecedents are often hard to find in museum collections, and museums themselves have often been guilty of ignoring, erasing or obscuring them. The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology is committed to recovering and highlighting these stories, communities and individuals, and the blogs we will post throughout the month are part of fulfilling that commitment, and celebrating the immense contributions of LGBTQ+ people to the human story.*

# TRADITIONAL FIELDS OF ANTHROPOLOGY

- Biological
  - Archaeology
  - Cultural
  - Linguistic
- But the lines are pretty blurry...





# SOME FAMOUS ANTHROPOLOGISTS (OR THEIR FAMOUS KIDS)



Margaret Mead



Yo-Yo Ma



Tracy Chapman



Obama



Dax Shepard w/ Brooke Scelza, UCLA



Siobhan



Leif



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Intelligence

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Do bilingual kids struggle with expression and experience delays?

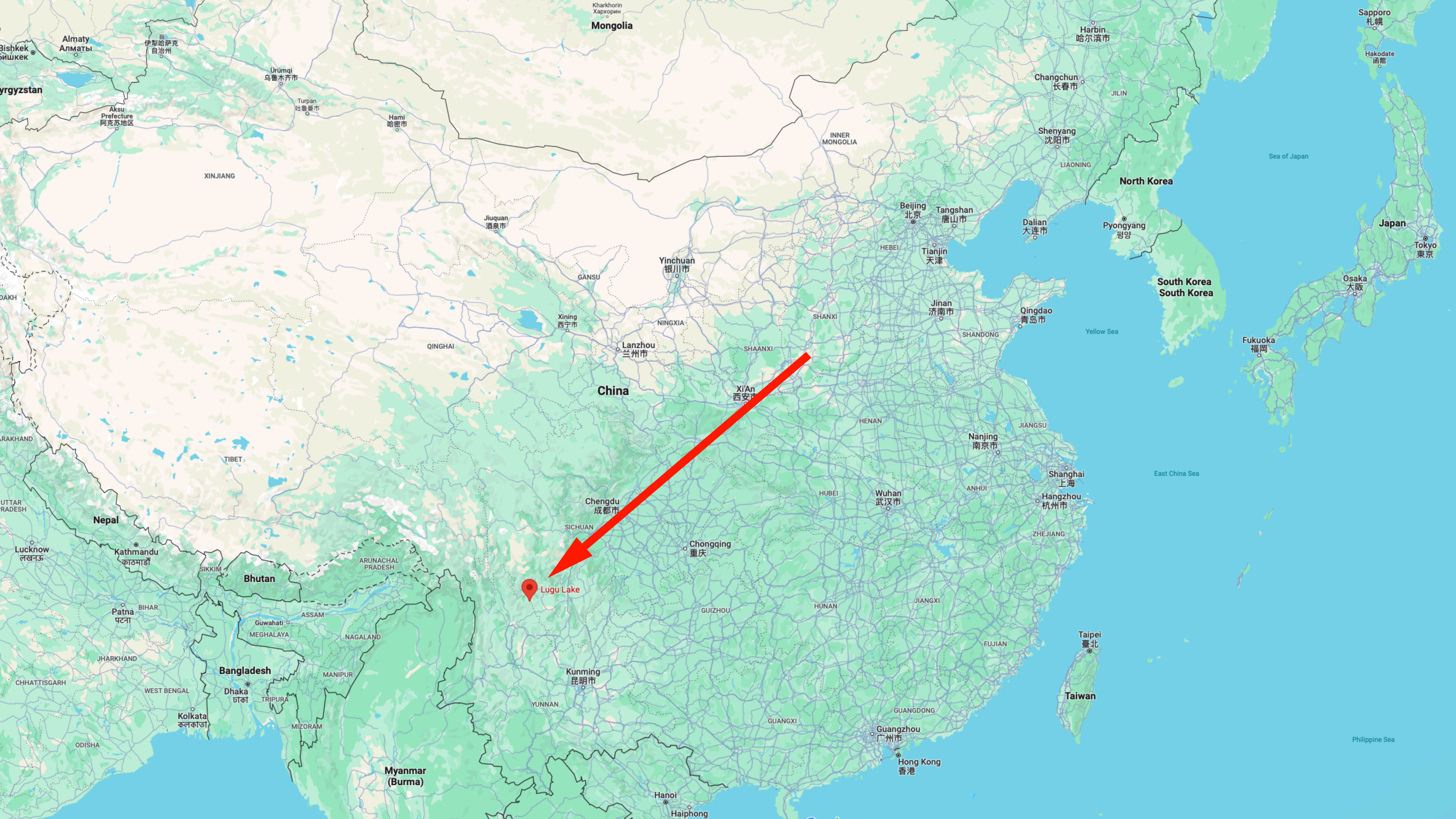
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# SOME COOL PICTURES OF WHERE WE GO AND WHAT WE DO











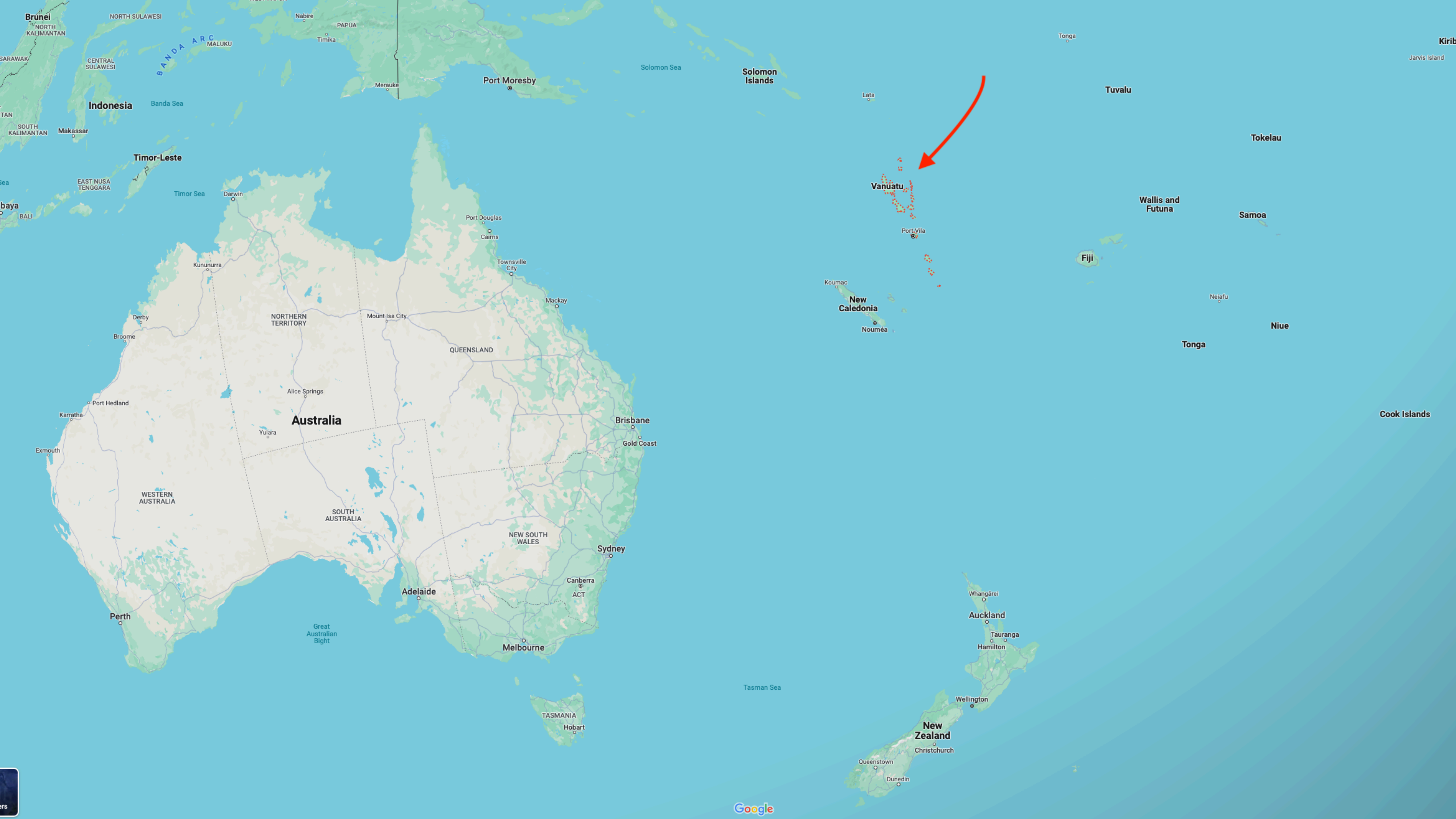












Brunei

NORTH SULAWESI

Nabire

PAPUA

Timika

Merauke

Port Moresby

Solomon Sea

Solomon Islands

Tonga

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Jarvis Island

Indonesia

Banda Sea

Timor-Leste

Timor Sea

Darwin

Kununurra

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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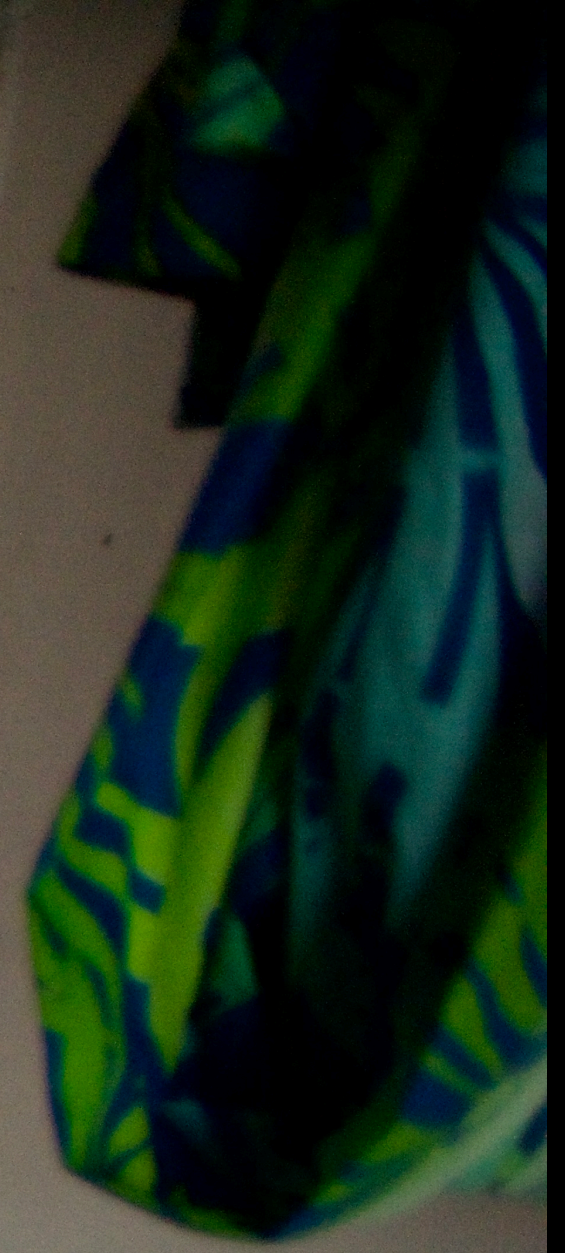
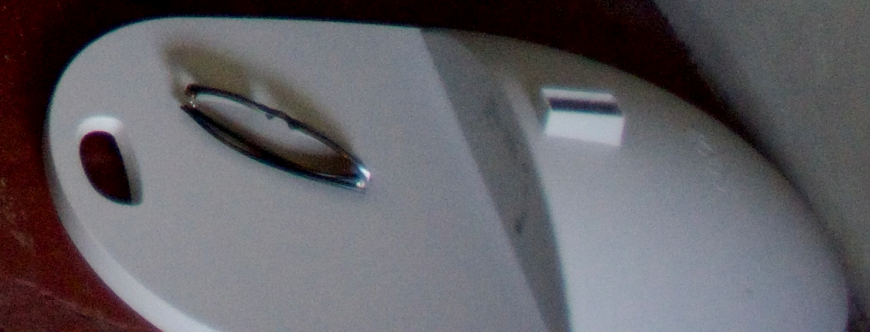
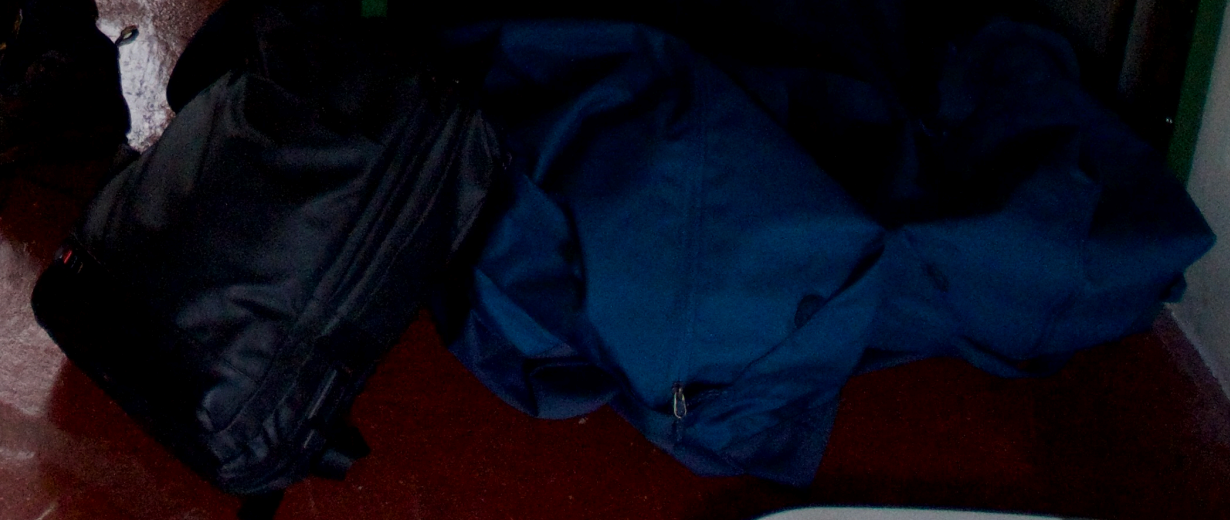
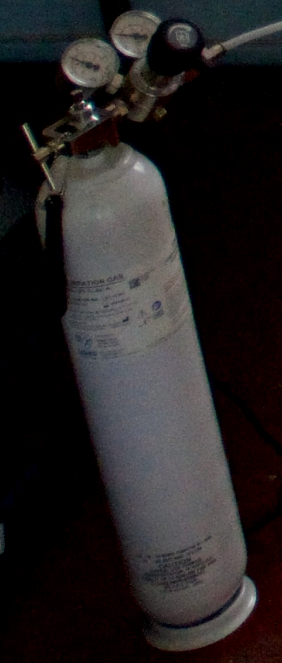














# **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**Making the world a better place one study at a time.**

**Understanding how families help us to be the best versions of ourselves.**

**Under circumstances that feel weird to WEIRD people.**

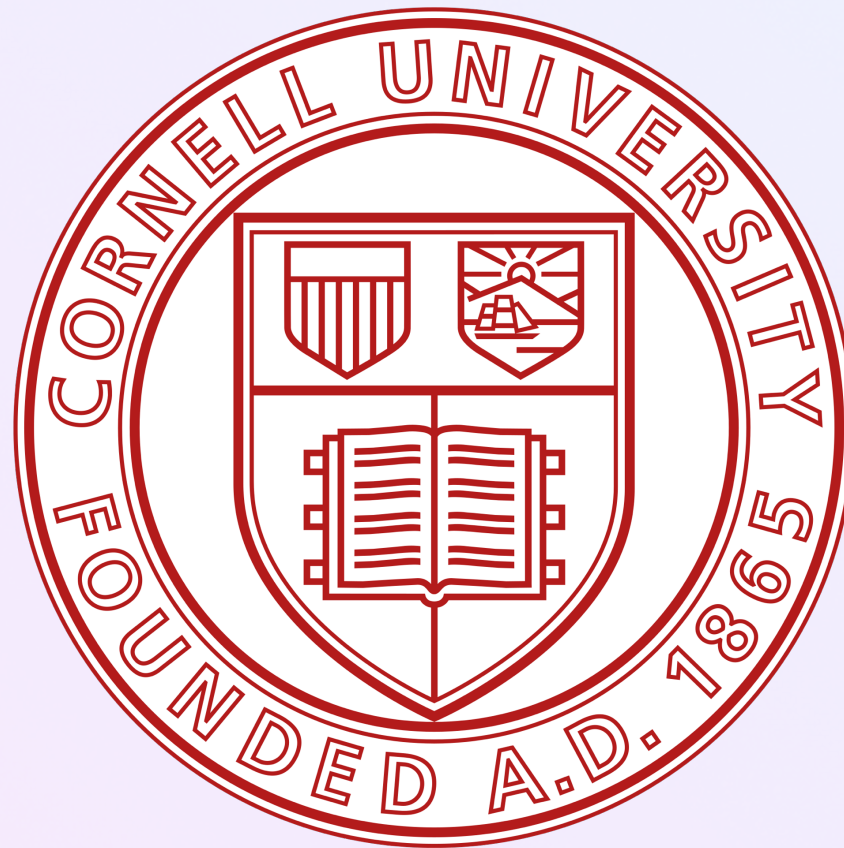
**Women and girls at the center.**

**Adopted and fostered kids are valued.**

**Disability is “normal”.**



# NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!



PLACES THAT HAVE HELPED ME IN MY ANTHRO JOURNEY - THERE ARE MANY MORE!