

# **Christopher A. Cooper**

**Madison Distinguished Professor of Political Science & Public Affairs and Director of the Haire Institute for Public Policy at Western Carolina University**

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## **Biography**

Christopher A. Cooper is the Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor and director of the Haire Institute for Public Policy at Western Carolina University. He has received Western Carolina University's highest awards for research (University Scholar, 2011) and teaching (Board of Governors Teaching Award, 2013) and was named the 2013 North Carolina Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Cooper's published academic research features more than 50 refereed journal articles and book chapters on N.C. politics, state politics, southern politics, political behavior and behavioral public administration. He is also co-author of "The Resilience of Southern Identity: Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of its People" (University of North Carolina Press) and co-editor of "The New Politics of North Carolina" (published by the University of North Carolina Press). Cooper is a frequent source for news stories about North Carolina, as well as national politics and he has been quoted hundreds of times in a variety of media including The New York Times, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Boston Herald, Al Jazeera, Charlotte Observer, Asheville-Citizen Times, The Hill, National Journal, Raleigh News and Observer, North Carolina Insider, National Public Radio (All Things Considered and Morning Edition), USA Today, CNN, FOX News, WUNC, Blue Ridge Public Radio, WFAE (Charlotte) ABC News and ESPN.com.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Author Appearance

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Political Organization, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Election Administration, Public Administration, Southern Politics, American Politics, Parties, Campaigns and Elections, State and Local Government, Research Methods

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## **Education**

**University of Tennessee Knoxville**  
Ph.D.

**University of Tennessee Knoxville**  
M.A.

**Winthrop University**  
B.A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**University Scholar**  
2011 - Western Carolina University

**North Carolina Professor of the Year**  
2013 - Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

**Board of Governors Teaching Award**  
2013 - Western Carolina University

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