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Research Interests:

- Appointment of administrative personnel
- Political control of the bureaucracy
- Quality of government
- Administrative reforms in Westminster systems

Professor Cooper's mixed-method research investigates the ongoing tension between politics and administration in countries with a Westminster administrative tradition. A tension that is particularly important in countries, such as Canada, where the political system is founded upon the rule of the democratically elected, but where bureaucrats have an essential role in governing. Specific topics studied include, how governments strategically use their power to appoint elite bureaucrats, how recruiting public servants according to merit affects employees' willingness to provide frank and fearless advice, as well as the political activity of public sector employees. His research has been published in leading international journals including, *Governance*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, and *Public Administration*.