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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Brian J. Cooper **Title:** Professor of Instruction,
Undergraduate Program Coordinator

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
Ph. D.	2012	Texas State University-San Marcos	Geographic Education	Dissertation: The Analysis of Teaching Effectiveness Evaluation Programs in Geography Departments in the United States
M.S.	2002	Southwest Texas State University	Geography	Thesis: The Decline of Regional Geography in Undergraduate Curricula in the United States.
B.S.	2000	Clemson University	Biological Sciences	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Professor of Instruction, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies	Texas State University	9/24-present
Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies	Texas State University	6/16-present
Senior Lecturer of Geography	Texas State University	9/10-8/24
Lecturer of Geography	Texas State University	1/08-9/10
Adjunct Lecturer of Geography	Texas State University	9/07-1/08
Doctoral Teaching Assistant	Texas State University	7/03-8/06
Master's Instructional Assistant	Southwest Texas State University	9/00-5/03

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award
Texas State University, 2026.

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2025

Higher Education Distinguished Teacher Award
National Council for Geographic Education, 2022.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching (Senior Lecturer/Lecturer)
Texas State University, 2021

Liberal Arts Golden Apple Award
College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, 2021

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2021

College Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching
College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, 2020

Teaching Award of Honor
Texas State Alumni Association, Texas State University, 2020

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2019

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2018

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2017

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2016

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2015

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas State University, 2014

Dean Nominee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching
The College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, 2013

International Studies Professor of the Year 2010-2011
The Center for International Studies, Texas State University, 2011

Prentice Hall Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award
Department of Geography, Texas State University, 2006

Prentice Hall Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award
Department of Geography, Texas State University, 2004

B. Courses Taught:
World Geography
Geography of the United States and Canada
Political Geography
Economic Geography
Geography of Europe
Geography of Texas
Natural Resource Use and Management

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

b. Textbooks:

(Not refereed)

Cooper, Brian. Guide to World Regional Geography. 4th ed. KendallHunt, Dubuque, IA: January 2020.

Cooper, Brian. Guide to World Regional Geography. 3rd ed. KendallHunt, Dubuque, IA: May 2016.

Cooper, Brian. Guide to World Regional Geography. 2nd ed. KendallHunt, Dubuque, IA: May 2014.

Cooper, Brian. Guide to World Regional Geography. KendallHunt, Dubuque, IA: July 2009.

d. Chapters in Books:

Augustin, Byron, and Brian Cooper. "Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Cancun." Latin America and the Caribbean. John Wiley and Sons, Hoboken, NJ: April 2003.

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

(with Dr. Byron Augustin) "The Mysterious Basques." National Council for Geographic Education Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2023.

"Teaching Evaluation Systems in Geography Departments in the U.S.: Analysis and Value." Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California. April 2013.

"The Large Section Introductory Geography Course: Organization and Presentation Methods to Introduce the Discipline and Departments to Students." Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, GeoSummit: An International Symposium on Teaching and Learning in Geography, Texas State University. May 2009.

"An Analysis of College Undergraduates' Geographic Knowledge of Japan."
Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, Geo-Nexus Conference,
Texas State University. May 2003.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

"Bahrain." Invited Presentation, Model Arab League, Texas State University, April 27, 2023.

"Algeria." Invited Presentation, Model Arab League, Texas State University. March 23, 2023.

"Comoros." Invited Presentation, Model Arab League, Texas State University. October 11, 2018.

"Innovation in Academic Advising," Keynote Speaker, Academic Advising Conference, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. September 14, 2018.

"Knowledge Without Borders: A Panel on Immigration and Diversity," Panelist, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. October 6, 2016.

"Perspectives on the International Refugee Crisis,", Panelist, International Studies Club, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. February 24, 2016.

"Democratic Republic of the Congo." Invited Presentation, International Studies Club, Texas State University. March 3, 2015.

"Issues in the Middle East." International Studies Coalition Dialogue Series, International Studies Club, Texas State University. April 3, 2014.

"Syrian Civil War." International Studies Coalition Dialogue Series, International Studies Club, Texas State University. October 29, 2013.

"Civil Disobedience and the Process of Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa." Texas State Leadership Institute Conference, Texas State University. February 16, 2013.

"Brazil." One presentation to visiting high school students from New Braunfels. Texas State University. September 29, 2011.

"Introduction to Political Geography." Two presentations to visiting high school students from New Braunfels and San Antonio. Texas State Geography Student Research Symposium, Texas State University. March 6, 2009.

G. Teaching Professional Development Activities Attended

Teaching Online @ TxState Professional Development Course
Office of Distance and Extended Learning, Texas State University, June 2020

4. Workshops:

"Urban Geography: The Hierarchy of Places." Presentation to Texas high school geography teachers. Texas Alliance for Geographic Education Teacher Consultant Summer Institute, Texas State University. June 2005.

IV. SERVICE

A. University:

Member, Presidential Award for Excellence in Service Committee. Texas State University. Fall 2024-present.

What's Next? Five presentations to incoming freshmen. Bobcat Preview, Texas State University. August 2022.

Co-Chair (with Stephanie Jarrett, Patricia Edgel, and Lynzy Lab), Common Experience Theme 2020-21: Dynamics. Texas State University.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. Bobcat Preview, Texas State University. January 2020.

"College Note Taking." Four presentations to incoming freshmen. Bobcat Preview, Texas State University. August 2019.

Common Experience Committee. Texas State University. Spring 2019-Spring 2023.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. Bobcat Preview, Texas State University. January 2019.

"College Note Taking." Five presentations to incoming freshmen. Bobcat Preview, Texas State University. August 2018.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2018.

"College Note Taking." Six presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2017.

"College Note Taking." Six presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2016.

"Faculty Panel." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2016.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2016.

"College Note Taking." Five presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2015.

"Faculty Panel." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2015.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2015.

"College Note Taking." Six presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2014.

"Faculty Panel." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2014.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2014.

"College Note Taking." Six presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2013.

"Faculty Panel." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2013.

"College Note Taking." One presentation to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. January 2013.

"College Note Taking." Four presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2012.

"College Note Taking." Four presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2011.

"College Note Taking." Five presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2010.

"College Note Taking." Two presentations to incoming freshmen. PAWS Preview, Texas State University. August 2009.

Bobcat Day. Texas State University. Attended 46 individual Bobcat Day events, 2008-present.

B. College:

Participant, College of Liberal Arts Major/Minor Fair. College of Liberal Arts. Texas State University. October 1, 2025.

Participant, Meet the Professor Event. Center for International Studies. Texas State University. September 24, 2024.

Participant, College of Liberal Arts Day. College of Liberal Arts. Texas State University. August 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Member, University Scholars Committee. College of Liberal Arts. Texas State University. Spring 2016.

C. Departmental:

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Instruction in Geology, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. Fall 2025.

APF Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. Fall 2025-present.

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. Fall 2024-Spring 2025.

Member, Search Committee for Senior Lecturer in Geography, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. Spring 2022.

Member, Scheduling Committee, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. Fall 2021-present.

Member, Search Committee for Senior Lecturer in Geology. Department of Geography, Texas State University. May-July 2021.

Member, Academic Program Review Committee. Department of Geography, Texas State University. 2019-2020.

Chair, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Texas State University. June 2016 - Present.

Undergraduate Committee. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University. August 2008-present.

(with Mark Carter and Injeong Jo) GEO 1310 World Geography Learning Outcomes and Embedded Questions Data and Analysis for SACS Re-Accreditation, Department of Geography, Texas State University. Fall 2008-present.

Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration Committee. Department of Geography, Texas State University. August 2008-August 2021.

F. Services Honors and Awards:

Interviewee. Office Hours Podcast. Texas State University. April 11, 2025. https://open.spotify.com/episode/3Z8aGoqCGcwhZrzmdfgxG6?si=OcWKLcFyRRSa51q9Le9JGg

Richard Wayne Simmons Geography Advocate Award. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Texas State University, 04/29/22.

Guest Coach. Texas State Volleyball, 10/12/18.

Guest Coach. Texas State Volleyball, 10/01/15.

Friend of SLAC Award. Student Learning Assistance Center, Texas State University. 05/01/15.

Guest Coach. Texas State Volleyball, 10/27/12.

Guest Coach. Texas State Volleyball, 10/22/11.

PAWS Preview Den Namesake. Fall Semester 2011.

Guest Coach. Texas State Women's Basketball, 2/16/11.

Guest Coach. Texas State Football Homecoming Game, 10/31/09.

Guest Coach. Texas State Volleyball, 10/18/08.