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Dr. H. Stephen Cooper is a Professor of Social Work and the Associate Director of Research for the School of Social Work at Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, Texas). He has been a member of the faculty since August 2001 and has served in a variety of capacities, including Program Director of the Community Resource Center (School of Social Work), Coordinator of the Center for Rural Research and Development (School of Social Work), Associate Dean for the College of Liberal and Applied Arts, and Director of the Division of Multidisciplinary Programs. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Social Work from Stephen F. Austin State University. He earned his PhD in Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Cooper teaches primarily BSW courses and has taught across the BSW curriculum with an

emphasis on research, statistics, policy, and community/organizational theory and practice. He has also taught research, statistics, and mental health courses in the MSW program. Dr. Cooper currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and has served other professional and health and human services organizations in similar capacities. He is the principal investigator for a Hogg Foundation grant and co-principal investigator for a subcontract through a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant awarded to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Deep East Texas. In the past, Dr. Cooper has served as the principal investigator for projects funded by the Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Hogg Foundation, Episcopal Health Foundation, and local health and human services organizations. His work experience includes law enforcement, child/adolescent community mental health, adolescent residential treatment, therapeutic wilderness programming, administration, and network planning/development. His research interests include child and adolescent mental health, juvenile delinquency, rural social work, community practice, interorganizational relationships, and civic engagement.