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In her position at the LAEDC, Dr. Cooper designs, manages and conducts research studies on regional issues undertaken by the Economic and Policy Analysis Group, such as economic impact studies, regional industry analyses, economic forecasts, and issue studies related to the L.A. County Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Her fields of expertise include development economics, environmental economics, regional analysis, and urban sustainability.

While at the LAEDC, Dr. Cooper has conducted many economic and fiscal impact projects for a variety of public agencies and private companies, including: California Film and TV Tax Credit; City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (Industries and Occupations of the Next Decade); Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power (ongoing operations and capital improvement programs); Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (numerous Measure R-funded projects and ongoing operations); Los Angeles International Airport in 2011; Southern California Association of Governments (Regional Transportation Plan 2012; Economic Recovery Plan); Hospital Association of Southern California; and many others. Additionally, the department has designed a variety of demographic and workforce development reports.

Prior to joining the LAEDC, Dr. Cooper was a co-founder of a start-up computer company in Hong Kong concentrating on equity transactions software and computer accessories manufacturing, which expanded production into the special economic zone of Shenzhen, China and distributed products throughout the United States and Asia. With her business partner, she also established the first authorized Apple Computer retailer in China. She has been a lecturer at California State University, Long Beach and at the Pepperdine Graziadio School of Business and Management.

Dr. Cooper is a citizen of the United States and of Canada. She earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Southern California. With funding from the National Science Foundation, she earned a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Engineering in Sustainable Cities. Her current research includes industry cluster determination and performance in the regional economy, commuting and job allocation patterns, and regional structural analysis.