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## **Dr. Phil Cooper Receives LOC's Civic Education Award**

SALEM, Ore. – Dr. Phil Cooper, a faculty member in the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University (PSU), received the Civic Education Award Wednesday at the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which was held virtually due to the Coronavirus. The award recognizes educators who have promoted local government education in Oregon schools.

Dr. Cooper leads PSU's Public Administration program, where students develop the expertise, knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead local governments. He has organized a student chapter of the International City/County Management Association at PSU, created the first Practitioner-in-Residence program, and maintains a group of professionals as an advisory committee for the university's Local Government Master's Program.

Dr. Cooper was the first recipient of the Charles Levine Award, given by the American Society for Public Administration and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. Earlier this year, he received PSU's Branford Price Millar Award for Faculty Excellence. He also has received the College of Urban and Public Affairs Dean's Award for Scholarly Excellence for Senior Faculty.

Dr. Cooper is an honorary member of the Oregon City/County Management Association (OCCMA) and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

### **About the Civic Education Award**

The Civic Education Award was created in 1998 by the LOC Board of Directors to offer recognition to educators in Oregon who have promoted local government education in Oregon's schools. The award is for individuals who demonstrate their commitment to fostering civic responsibility in youth.

### **About the League of Oregon Cities**

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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