

Michael L. Cook

Michael L. Cook is the Robert D. Partridge Endowed Professor in Organization Economics in the Division of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His research activities include work in more than 50 countries and 100 published works. Dr. Cook is a member of the core faculty of the Agribusiness Research Institute (ARI), and a Senior Fellow with the Contracting and Organizations Research Institute (CORI) at MU. His primary research addresses the ownership costs of vaguely defined property rights in patron-owned and controlled enterprises. Michael's greatest interest is in helping develop a global network of scholars and practitioners with interest in understanding the strengths and challenges that patron-owned organizations confront. This interest allows him to travel the world to conduct and share comparative studies regarding how the institutions of collective action lead to improvement of the socio-economic well-being of their patron-members. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He also served for 12 years in senior management positions with three global enterprises, two of them cooperatives, and has occupied board positions with numerous cooperatives, subsidiaries, and associations.