

# **Brad Cook**

**Provost and Executive Vice President at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

An administrator specializing in Middle East studies with an ambitious agenda for academics, research and publication

---

## **Biography**

Southern Utah University's seventh provost, Dr. Bradley J. Cook has advanced an ambitious academic agenda at SUU. His focus has been to establish the institution as a national leader in student-centered, highly engaged learning environments.

In addition to the EDGE program receiving the National Society for Experiential Education's Outstanding Experiential Program Award in 2015, national rankings for the university have climbed making "Best College" lists by several publications. "Princeton Review" recently named SUU a "Best Value College," the only Utah institution to make the list. SUU has the 3rd lowest student debt in the West and offers one of the best value propositions in the nation as identified by the "US News and World Report."

Dr. Cook holds the rank of full professor within the Department of History. He has more than 20 years of administrative experience in higher education, fourteen of which have been spent as a provost or president. His scholarly work, "Democracy and Islam: Promises and Perils for the Arab Spring Protests," in the "Journal of Global Responsibility," was recognized by the Emerald Literati Networks as 2013's Outstanding Paper. He is also author of the book, "Classical Foundations of Islamic Educational Thought," published by Brigham Young University Press. He has special research interests in Islamic educational theory, comparative religion and international and comparative education. Dr. Cook is active in his academic field, chairing and presenting regularly at international conferences and symposia as well as maintaining a consistent research and publication agenda. His publications can be found in a variety of academic journals.

At Stanford University, Dr. Cook earned a B.A. degree in international relations and an M.A. degree in social science of education. At University of Oxford, he earned a Doctor of Philosophy, Middle East Studies.

---

## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Public Relations and Communications, Research, Writing and Editing, International Affairs

---

## **Areas of Expertise**

Comparative Religion Studies, Education and Educational Leadership, Egyptian Educational Theory, Egyptian Public Policy, History, International and Comparative Education, Islam and the Middle East, Islamic Educational Theory, Leadership in Higher Education, Middle East Studies, Philosophical Inquiry

---

## **Education**

**Stanford University**  
B.A. International Relations

**Stanford University**  
M.A. Social Science of Education

**University of Oxford**  
Ph.D. Middle East Studies

---

## **Accomplishments**

### **Book Published: Classical Foundations of Islamic Educational Thought**

Education has always been an important pursuit in Islam. Within the religion, educational theory and practice were founded on the work of itinerant teachers. In this volume, Bradley J. Cook, with assistance from Fathi H. Malkawi, has drawn together and introduced selections from the writings of eminent Islamic thinkers on the subject of Islamic educational efforts, presenting the original Arabic texts alongside their annotated English translations. Brigham Young University Press, 2010.

---

[Please click here to view the full profile.](#)

This profile was created by [Expertfile](#).