

Uses the community as his laboratory to improve the lives of the disadvantaged.

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Dr. Jim Cook, a community psychologist, has developed community-university partnerships with programs that focus on mental health, child protective services, education, neighborhoods, and homelessness. He and his team use research to inform and guide efforts to improve the lives of disadvantaged and marginalized members of the community.

For his students, the community is the "laboratory". They work with faculty and community partners to identify questions of importance and to find answers that help our partners improve the community. Dr. Cook's engaged scholarship and his passion for and commitment to the betterment of his community have been recognized with state and university awards.

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