Dr. Jack Cooper

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Dr. Jack Cooper was appointed IARPA's Deputy Director in August 2026. Having served previously as an IARPA Program Manager, he returned to the organization in January 2025 as the Office Director for Analysis, leading that office before serving as Acting Deputy Director until August 2026. Prior to returning to IARPA, Dr. Cooper was the Division Chief for Predictive & Forensic Analytics at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Research & Development Directorate. There, he consolidated algorithm development activities into larger strategic thrusts tightly aligned to NGA mission, significantly increasing the number of operational transitions. Dr. Cooper also served NGA as a Senior Staff Scientist, creating and executing programs to automate Motion GEOINT processing and preparing NGA for new data streams through prototyping and field experiments. As an IARPA Program Manager, Dr. Cooper led three programs focused on automating and scaling the Intelligence Community's ability to detect and characterize human activity in a variety of mediums. Dr. Cooper graduated from Clemson University in 2012 with both doctorate and master's degrees in mathematical sciences. He previously graduated from the University of Maryland in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and government and politics.