

## Workshop Gets New Co-Director



On July 1, 2009, for the second time, long-time Workshop colleague Mike McGinnis will step into the position of co-director, a title he will share with current co-director James Walker. This change initiates a long-anticipated transition period, with Workshop co-founder Elinor Ostrom stepping down from her long-held position at the helm of the Workshop to take the newly created position of Senior Research Director.

Mike previously served as Co-Director for the Workshop from 2003-2005.

In his current research, Mike studies the unique contributions of faith-based organizations to the design and implementation of public policy related to humanitarian relief, development assistance, peace-building, and reconciliation in troubled regions of the world, as well as standard public services in education, health care, and welfare assistance in societies less directly challenged by the ravages of war. His research is inspired by the hope that application of advanced techniques of policy analysis can enable reformers to identify the most effective means to build upon these foundations.

Mike teaches courses in world politics (Coping with War; Institutions of Global Governance; Democracy and National Security), public policy and institutional analysis (Introduction to Theories of Public Policy; Religion, Politics, and Public Policy), and research methods. He recently developed a new course on the use of rational choice theory to understand dynamic changes in religious organizations.

Mike is a Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science at Indiana University, Bloomington. He received a B.S. in mathematics from the Ohio State University in 1980 and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1985.