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Vincent A. Ostrom Honored by Cambridge Who's Who

Dr. Ostrom founded the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis with his wife Elinor

BLOOMINGTON, IN, September 16, 2009 /**Cambridge Who's Who**/ -- Vincent A. Ostrom, Professor Emeritus for the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in public policy.

An expert in polycentricity theory, Dr. Ostrom has 50 years of experience in his field. He is currently a professor emeritus for the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, which he founded with his wife, Elinor, in 1973. Dr. Ostrom began his academic career at the University of Wyoming in 1945, and came to Indiana University as a professor of political science in 1964. He served as a consultant for the Wyoming Legislative Interim Committee, Tennessee Water Policy Commission and National Water Commission, as a consultant on natural resources at the Alaska Constitutional Convention and as a consultant on the study of resource management and economic development for the Territory of Hawaii, completing a major study of the Southern California water industry in 1971. He also served as a member and vice-chairman of the Oregon State Water Resources Board. Dr. Ostrom is the author of "The Intellectual Crisis in American Public Administration" ([1973] 2008), "The Political Theory of a Compound Republic" ([1971] 2008), "The Meaning of Democracy and the Vulnerability of Democracies" (1997), "Rethinking Institutional Analysis and Development" ([1988] 1993, with David Feeny and Hartmut Picht), "The Meaning of American Federalism" (1991), "Local Government in the United States" (1988, with Robert Bish and Elinor Ostrom) as well as numerous other works. The highlight of his career was receiving the John Gaus Distinguished Lecturer Award from the American Political Science Association in 2005. He attributes his success to the support he received from his colleagues from a variety of disciplines who helped in establishing the workshop.

Dr. Ostrom received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1950. He has been honored with the John Gaus Distinguished Lecturer Award (2005), the Atlas Economic Research Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award (2003), the Robert O. Anderson Sustainable Arctic Award from the Institute of the North (2003), the Daniel Elazar Distinguished Scholar Award (1991) and the Martha Derthick Best Book Award (1999). He hopes to continue mentoring graduate students and meeting visiting scholars.

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