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Mike comes to CUSP with a background in research policy and the oversight of federal research programs. He previously worked with Director Koonin as Senior Advisor and Staff Director in the Office of the Under Secretary for Science at the US Department of Energy. Before that, Mike oversaw the Department of Energy's Office of Science for a decade as a program examiner in the White House Office of Management & Budget; as a policy analyst in the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy; and a Chairman's Designee for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Science.

Mike earned his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received his B.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering and Chemistry from North Carolina State University.