

In Memoriam - Dr. Roland Smith

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First Dean of Dalhousie's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences remembered by campus community

Dr. Rowland Smith passed away unexpectedly in the early morning of October 20, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and children, Russell and Belinda. Dr. Smith was 70.

Dr. Roland Smith was a native of South Africa and came to Canada as a visiting fellow at Dalhousie University in the Department of English in 1965. He was the first ever Killam Scholar. He received Killam funds at Dalhousie during the "test" phase of the endowment. He returned to Dalhousie as an assistant professor in English in 1967 and remained there in a variety of roles until 1994. He was the first Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from 1988 to 1993. In 1994, he moved to Wilfrid Laurier University as vice-president academic and held that position until arriving in Calgary in 2004. Dr. Smith joined the University of Calgary on August 1, 2004 when he took on the role of Dean of Humanities.

A former Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Smith held a number of national positions and sat on numerous national bodies. He was the chair of the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents, a member of the College of Reviewers for the Canada Research Chairs Program, a member of the Aid to Scholarly Publications Committee (Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences), and a member of the Canadian Scholarship and Fellowship Selection Committee (International Council for Canadian Studies).

The flag has been lowered in honour of Dean Smith's contributions to Dalhousie University. Memorial information will be available at a later date.