

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976 in the Department of Linguistics, with a specialization in Experimental Phonetics. For the next several years, he worked in research positions at the University of Washington and at Johns Hopkins University on projects concerning phonological development in typically-developing children and children with Down syndrome and children with hearing loss. In 1981 he assumed a faculty position in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University, eventually becoming a Full Professor and Head of the Program in Speech and Language Pathology. In 2002 he became Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Utah. In 2010 he was a Senior Fulbright Scholar at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland.

Dr. Smith's teaching and research interests include: general phonetics, experimental phonetics, speech science, acoustics of first and second language speech production, and phonological development and disorders. His current research focuses on speech production by native (L1) adult speakers and non-native (L2) speakers of English. He utilizes acoustic and kinematic measures as a means for assessing issues pertaining to speech production performance by these groups. Current studies are examining speech production characteristics of native English-speaking adults and adult speakers of other languages who are learning English as a second language, to determine how various temporal, spectral, and kinematic properties of their speech may contribute to non-native speakers' accents.