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## DR. ROGER W. SMITH

PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND DIRECTOR, EMERITUS

Dr. Roger W. Smith has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1984 to 2011.

His outstanding research career, centered around the dynamics of the upper atmosphere, has led to significant advances in understanding these phenomena; and is highly regarded nationally and internationally as an expert in the field, which resulted in a leading role in several national and international research committees.

Dr. Smith, a respected member of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has demonstrated great commitment and dedication to the University and its students through his teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels and the successful mentoring of ten graduate students; and has served as the Director of the Geophysical Institute from 2000 – 2011, expanding the capabilities of the Geophysical Institute's remote sensing and the Alaska Satellite Facility.

He has clearly enhanced the reputation of the university through his broad research and has attracted funding for more than fifty research projects; and has published more than sixty peer-reviewed publications; and has been recognized for his extraordinary service with the 1990 National Science Foundation Antarctica Service Medal and the 1990 Merit Award of the UAF College of Natural Sciences.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Roger W. Smith for his contributions to the St