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## **Herman W. Smith, III**

1943-2008

Herman Smith, professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, died April 5, 2008, from esophageal cancer. He was 65.

Smith received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1965, and worked as a statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau while completing his master's degree in 1967 at the American University in Washington, DC. In 1971, he received his doctorate from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He spent the next 32 years at the University of Missouri-St. Louis rising through the ranks in the Department of Sociology. He served two terms as presiding officer of the Faculty Council. He retired in 2002, but continued researching and mentoring as professor emeritus.

Smith published more than 40 articles in a variety of scholarly journals, including *American Sociological Review*, *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, *Human Relations*, *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Small Group Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Sociological Theory and Research*, and *Symbolic Interaction*. Some of his articles were written and published in Japanese. Smith's books include textbooks on social psychology and methodology, plus a research monograph on Japanese homogeneity.

He was proud of becoming the first self-taught member of the Affect Control Theory research group. The group fit his expertise as a mathematical sociologist, statistician and research methodologist interested in the cross-cultural study of emotions. In 1984, he went to Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, as a research visiting professor, where he started his cross-culture studies of affect and emotion. Over the next 20 years, he became fluent in Japanese; his second area of pride was being awarded two Fulbright Teaching Scholarships to Japan. The first was in 1989 at Tohoku University in Sendai and the second in 1995 in Tokyo, at both Kyoritsu Women's University and Japan Women's University. Additionally, he was Distinguished Visiting Professor at Fudan University in Shanghai, China, in 2000.

Smith was an avid canoeist, kayaker, and paddle-sport instructor for over 40 years. He was a founding member of StreamTeach, Inc., a nonprofit business with the goal of establishing a whitewater park in St. Louis for economic development and community revitalization of north St. Louis. This was his avocational passion, apart from running

whitewater rapids all over the world.

Smith is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary Burrows; sons Craig (Mary) and Erik (Neetu); granddaughters Chloe, Sophie, and Mira; sister Carol; stepmother Rosemary; and cousins Sheila and Karen. He will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and fellow paddlers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to StreamTeach Inc., PO Box 9155, St. Louis, MO 63117, or to the Siteman Cancer Center, 660 S. Euclid Ave., Box 8100, St. Louis, MO 63110.

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