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DENNY M. SMITH DDS, MS

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Dr. Denny M. Smith was born November 4, 1943, in Bishopville, South Carolina, and was reared on a small farm nearby. His university education was acquired at Emory University (B.A. 1965), the University of Maryland (D.D.S. 1969), and the State University of New York at Buffalo (Certificate: Fixed Prosthodontics 1980 and M.S. (Oral Sciences 1984).

Denny served with the U. S. Public Health Service in Alaska from 1969-1971, and then spent two years establishing a dental program in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He joined the dental faculty at the University of Manitoba in 1973 where he taught fixed prosthodontics, occlusion, and dental ethics until his retirement in 2009.

Denny's early scholarly labor was directed toward an increased understanding of orofacial physiology, particularly the mechanical-neurophysiological interface in temporomandibular joint function. In the latter half of his academic career, Denny has engaged in the study of dental ethics, focusing on the tension between formal ethics and quotidian ethical healthcare practice. He has served as Assistant Secretary of the International Dental Ethics and Law Society and has lectured internationally in the field of dental ethics.

Denny served as President of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics in 1999. In 2007, Denny served a one-year term as interim Academy Secretary, replacing Bob Staffanou who stepped down due to ill health. He was then elected to serve a full term in that office.

In 1972, Denny was married to Mary Thiessen of Rosemary, Alberta, Canada. Mary and Denny are the blessed ancestors of two daughters and two granddaughters.