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Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	A.B.	05/1981	Economics
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Dr. Dean Smith is the dean and Richard A. Culbertson professor and program director of health policy and systems management at the LSU Health New Orleans School of Public Health. He is also professor emeritus of health management & policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health where he served for thirty years before joining LSU Health New Orleans. At Michigan, he served as chair of the department of health management & policy and senior associate dean for administration in the School of Public Health.

His research has focused on providing a better understanding of the financial aspects of working with and working in health care delivery and financing organizations. Early in his career, Dr. Smith worked on creating tools for financial analysis and defining the roles and responsibilities of financial managers in hospitals. A series of studies helped to establish the evidence base behind healthcare financial management, as now described in textbooks, including his own.

In service to the profession, Dr. Smith served as chair of the board of directors of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and editor of AUPHA's Journal of Health Administration Education. He also served as secretary/treasurer of the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH), vice president of the board of directors of the Michigan Public Health Institute and vice-chair of the board of visitors at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

He is committed to a line of teaching, research and service that provides a better understanding of the financial aspects of working with and working in health care delivery and financing organizations.

He has published more than two hundred scientific papers and supervised sixty doctoral dissertations.