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Halbert C. Smith is a professor emeritus in the Department of Finance and Real Estate at the University of Florida, where he served on the faculty from 1972 to 1999. At UF he was Director of the Real Estate Research Center and for several years served as Chairman of the Department of Finance and Real Estate. He was a founding member of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) and served as President in 1970. He was also a founding member of the Weimer School of Advanced Studies in Land Economics of the Homer Hoyt Institute. He serves on the Board of the Homer Hoyt Institute and founded the Hoyt Fellows, a group of high-level real estate executives.

Prior to joining the faculty at Florida, he was professor of real estate at the Ohio State University and was also Director of Economic Research for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, DC. He is an emeritus MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) and CRE (Counselor of Real Estate), as well as an honorary member of the Italian Association of Real Estate Counselors. He speaks fluent Italian and has served as a visiting professor at several Italian universities, as well as US universities.

Dr. Smith has written some 10 books and numerous articles on real estate topics and has served on the editorial boards of several academic and professional journals.

He has received a number of awards including the George Bloom Award of AREUEA, the Lum Award of the Counselors of Real Estate, the Pioneer Award of the American Real Estate Society, the Alfred E. Reinman Award of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, and the Wylie Best Article Award of the Journal of Real Estate Research. In 1995 he was named a Fellow of the Center for International Economic Research in Turin, Italy.