

## **Bio for Dr. Barton Smith**

**Name:** Dr. Barton Smith

**Title:** University of Houston economics professor and Director of the UH Center for Public Policy's Institute for Regional Forecasting

**Education:** B.A. in Political Science, Brigham Young University; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Chicago

**Short description of experience:** As a professor of economics at the University of Houston, Dr. Smith teaches undergraduates and graduates and conducts research in urban economics and public finance. He has been affiliated with the University of Houston since 1973 and has previously served as Chairman of the UH Economics Department and as Director of the Center for Public Policy. Dr. Smith continues to work with the Center as the Director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting, which is responsible for all of the real estate and economic forecasting for the Center.

Dr. Smith has conducted numerous studies in urban, housing, transportation and environmental economics and has published many articles in academic journals and books. Dr. Smith gained national and local recognition for his analyses of the Houston economy and real estate markets and he wrote the Center's Handbook on the Houston Economy.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Smith has served as a consultant to many national and local organizations, conducting analyses of real estate markets, regional economic trends and socio-economic impacts. Dr. Smith is also a highly sought after speaker by both profit and non-profit organization from coast to coast.

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