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# Noted Santa Barbara educator Guy D. Smith has joined the Governing Board of The Ernest Brooks Foundation

**Santa Barbara, California, March 14, 2019** — The Ernest Brooks Foundation is proud to announce that noted, long-time Santa Barbara educator Guy D. Smith has joined its Governing Board.

Mr. Smith, who is currently executive director of SynED, a firm which provides higher education consulting services, was previously chairman of the BA program at Antioch University in Santa Barbara. He was also affiliated with Santa Barbara City College for 34 years, serving as dean of educational programs, director of the School of Media Arts, and longtime professor and division chair of the English Department, among other positions.

He says, “Working with The Ernest Brooks Foundation to help bring the Brooks’ name back to its roots in Santa Barbara is an honor, as well as a worthy challenge.”

Mr. Smith is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, and the author of many articles on education and the media. A resident of Montecito, he is married with two children.

The Ernest Brooks Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) pending founded in 2018, is dedicated to building upon the 70-year legacy established by Ernest H. Brooks Sr. of producing perceptive, skilled, and creative visual artists. Recognizing that the world is increasingly portrayed and interpreted by those whose craft and professionalism are crucial to providing accurate and incisive visual information, the Foundation will inspire and uphold the highest standards of excellence in photographic education and research through academics, scholarship, and community outreach.

The Ernest Brooks Foundation Board reunites former Brooks Institute administrators, instructors, program chairs, notable alumni, and dedicated supporters, bringing a combined 200-plus years of experience to the effort. Among the Foundation’s initiatives is *Brooks at UCSB*, which offers fresh and exciting courses in photography, taught by former faculty members of Brooks Institute of Photography and special guest instructors.

Ernest Brooks Sr. founded Brooks Institute in 1945, and it came to be widely acclaimed as one of the premier schools of photography and visual arts worldwide. After more than 70 years of continued excellence in photographic and visual arts education, the school closed its doors two years ago. Today, The Ernest Brooks Foundation is proud to work in close collaboration with UC Santa Barbara through the *Brooks at UCSB* initiative.

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