

NOTABLE MISSOURIANS AND TIGERS COLLECTION

**George W. Smith, PhD (JD, University of Missouri '75)
University of Missouri's First Nobel Laureate**



At 4:30am on October 3, 2018, Dr. George Smith received a phone call from The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences notifying him that he was one of three researchers awarded a 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Dr. Marjorie Sable, professor emerita of the MU School of Social Work in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, photographed her husband in his standard attire of oxford shirt and corduroy pants while he spoke with reporters. The photo was provided to the Academy for their first media releases. The ensemble is typical of Dr. Smith's work attire. Frayed pocket edges and a hole in the back pocket of the Land's End corduroy pants attest to the garment's frequent use, and Dr. Smith's preferred method of getting to campus - his bicycle. According to his wife, "[George] wears the same thing every day - an oxford shirt and corduroy pants. He's the easiest person to shop for."

ARTIFACTS: Cotton Oxford shirt and corduroy pants. (2018) Gifts of G. Smith and M. Sable. Portrait image courtesy of the donors.