

# Russell S. Sobel

## VITA

### CURRENT POSITIONS:

#### **The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina**

BB&T Distinguished Professor, Baker School of Business, 2024-present

Professor of Economics & Entrepreneurship, Baker School of Business, 2012-present

#### **College of Charleston, Center for Public Choice & Market Process (CPM), Dept. of Economics**

Faculty Research Senior Fellow, 2019-

#### **South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Board of Economic Advisors**

Regional Advisory Committee Member, 2012-present

#### **Journal Editorial Positions & Boards:**

*Southern Economic Journal*, 2019-present (Co-Editor)

*Journal of Entrepreneurship & Public Policy*, 2010-present (Editorial Board)

*Public Choice*, 2008-present (Editorial Board)

### EDUCATION:

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, April 1994**

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida (Dissertation Chair: Randall G. Holcombe)

#### **Master of Science in Economics, August 1993**

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

#### **Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics (cum laude), May 1990**

Francis Marion College, Florence, South Carolina (now Francis Marion University)

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS & FELLOWSHIPS:

#### **Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma**

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE), Spring 2025

Institute Fellow, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE), Spring 2016

#### **Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas**

Templeton Visiting Scholar, Free Market Institute (FMI), Fall 2015

#### **College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina**

Visiting Scholar, Center for Public Choice and Market Process (Dept. of Economics), 2011-2012

#### **South Carolina Policy Council, Columbia, South Carolina**

Visiting Fellow, 2011-2014

#### **West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia**

James Clark Coffman Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, 2005-2011

Professor of Economics, 1994-2011 (Assistant 1994-2000; Associate 2000-2005; Full 2005-2011)

Director, WVU Entrepreneurship Center, 2002-2006 (founding director)

### SELECTED MAJOR RESEARCH AWARDS:

The Citadel Faculty Excellence in Research Award, 2024

*Southern Economic Journal* Georgescu-Roegen Prize for Best Article of the Year, 2009

Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award (for my book *Unleashing Capitalism*), 2008

*Journal of Private Enterprise* Templeton Award for Best Article of the Year, 2005

*Atlantic Economic Journal* Best Article of the Year Award, 1995

### SELECTED MAJOR TEACHING AWARDS:

Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award, Southern Economic Association, 2006

WVU Honors Program John R. Williams Outstanding Teacher Award, 2002-2003

The June Harless Teaching Award for Exceptional Teaching, 2000

The West Virginia University Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching, 1997

### OTHER MAJOR AWARDS:

Association of Private Enterprise Education Distinguished Scholar Award, 2007

Francis Marion University, School of Business Outstanding Alumnus, 2002

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Cline, Brandon N., Russell S. Sobel, and Claudia R. Williamson (eds.), *Promoting Prosperity in Mississippi*. Mississippi State, MS: Mississippi State University Institute for Market Studies, 2018.

Clark, J.R., Russell S. Sobel, and Joshua C. Hall (eds.), *Freedom and Prosperity in Tennessee*. Chattanooga, TN: The Scott L. Probasco Jr. Chair of Free Enterprise, 2012.

Calcagno, Peter T., Joshua C. Hall, and Russell S. Sobel (eds.), *Unleashing Capitalism: A Prescription for Economic Prosperity in South Carolina*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Policy Council, 2009.

Sobel, Russell S., *The Rule of Law: Perspectives on Legal and Judicial Reform in West Virginia*. Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2009.

Sobel, Russell S., *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia Border and How to Fix It*. Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007.  
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Dutta, Nabamita, Russell S. Sobel, Adam Stivers, and Thor Lienhard, “Opportunity and Necessity Entrepreneurship: Do Linguistic Structures Matter?” *Small Business Economics: An Entrepreneurship Journal*, forthcoming (accepted August 2024).

Dutta, Nabamita and Russell S. Sobel, “Is Education's Positive Impact on Views Toward Ethnic Diversity Affected by Views Toward Gender and LGBTQ+ Equality?” *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, forthcoming (accepted October 2023).

Dutta, Nabamita, Lisa Giddings, and Russell S. Sobel, “Attitudes: What Role Do Educational Attainment and Cultural Traits Play?” *Review of Social Economy*, 82, No. 3 (2024), pp. 343-366.

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- Sobel, Russell S. and Joshua C. Hall, "Can You Hit Me in the Back? Improving Large Section Instruction Using Walkie Talkies," *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 23, No. 1 (Fall 2007), pp. 157-164.
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Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate)  
Public Economics (both graduate Ph.D. level and undergraduate)  
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Palmetto Promise Institute, Board of Scholars, 2017-present  
South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors, Regional Advisory Committee, 2012-present.  
Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, Independent Institute, Board of Advisors, 2005-present.  
Dobson Center for the Study of Markets & Entrepreneurship, Fraser Institute, Advisory Panel, 2005-present.  
Duquesne University, Department of Economics Advisory Board, 2006-2011.  
Board of Scholars, Center for the Study of Political Economy, Hampden-Sydney College, 2007-present.  
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Tax Foundation, State Tax Academic Advisory Board, 2013-2019.  
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**SELECTED INVITED SEMINARS, COURSES, & LECTURES:**

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Association of Equipment Management Professionals (2023)  
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