

**Virginia State University Outstanding Faculty Award 2020-2021
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Dr. Ceslav Ciobanu is a Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the Economics Program in the College of Engineering and Technology at Virginia State University. He joined the VSU faculty in 2004 after an illustrious career in public and diplomatic service. Dr. Ciobanu received his doctoral and master's degrees in political economy from Moscow M. Lomonosov State University in Russia. His global career includes serving as the Ambassador of Moldova to the United States and Canada (1999-2002); Deputy Foreign Minister (1998); member of Moldova's government and its first Minister of Privatization (1994-1997); Economic Adviser and Deputy Chief in the Office of the first President of the Republic of Moldova Mircea Snegur (1992-1994); and Adviser & Interpreter to the former President of USSR Mikhail Gorbachev (1987-1991). Dr. Ciobanu has enjoyed an impressive 34-year academic career, teaching students in universities in Russia (Moscow), Moldova (Chisinau), and the United States.

A member of the Department of Mathematics and Economics, Dr. Ciobanu brings his vast knowledge of economics and its application to the classroom. His teaching philosophy is inspired by the credo of noted economics theorist John Maynard Keynes: "The master economist must possess a rare combination of gifts. He must be mathematician, historian, statesman, philosopher...." Dr. Ciobanu's students are well steeped not only in textbook concepts but also in a wide range of historical and contemporary economic issues, trends, and analyses that challenge students to frame a critical perspective of how economics impacts their daily lives. He enhances students' mastery of content by integrating technology throughout, drawing upon resources such as Myeconlab web, Real-Time Data Analysis Exercises and current news. His individualized approach to instruction is designed to support students' academic success and build their confidence as future economists.

A prolific scholar, Dr. Ciobanu is author of the economics textbook *Economics, Society, Technology and You* (2017), now in its second edition, and a political treatise, *Frozen and Forgotten Conflicts in the Post-Soviet States: The Genesis, and Political Economy and Prospects for Solutions*. These two books were translated into Romanian and published recently by Cartea Romaneasca Educational (Iasi). More than one hundred articles have been published in international journals and print media including the U.S., France, Moldova, Russia, and Romania. Dr. Ciobanu's other recent accomplishments include a series of articles and interviews on the Revolutions of 1989 in Romania and other former socialist countries; the global financial crisis and emerging markets' prospects for democratic transformation and economic reforms; and the economics of artificial intelligence. His presentations include the University of Oxford (UK) Round Table; Paris International Colloquium on "Velvet" Revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe; the Virginia Social Science Association conference; the Elliot School of International Affairs of George Washington University; the Washingtonian Center for International Private Enterprise; the Romanian University "Apollonia" (Iasi); and Moldova Free International University (ULIM).

Dr. Ciobanu has assisted with curriculum development and program assessment in his department. He has served in the VSU Faculty Senate, including Faculty Senate Chair for the 2020-2021 academic year. Other service has included chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee (UPTC), member of the International Education Advisory, and advisor to the VSU Diplomacy Club. Professor Ciobanu is a contributing member of the American Economic Association, American Association of University Professors, and Virginia Social Science Association. He was recently selected as a Fulbright Specialist by the US Department of State and received the highest honorific title Doctor Honoris Cauza conferred by Apollonia University.