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Dr. Robert F. Graboyes is Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University in Arlington, VA. Author of “Fortress and Frontier in American Health Care,” his work asks, “How can we make health care as innovative in the next 25 years as information technology was in the past 25 years?” In 2014, Dr. Graboyes received the [Reason Foundation’s Bastiat Prize for Journalism](#), an international competition “which honors the writing that best demonstrates the importance of individual liberty and free markets with originality, wit, and eloquence.”

Previously, he was senior health care advisor for the National Federation of Independent Business; Sub-Saharan Africa economist for Chase Manhattan Bank; and regional economist/director of education at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He traveled extensively in Africa for Chase. Twice, he was visiting health care scholar in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He has taught at Virginia Commonwealth University since 1999 and the University of Virginia since 2005. Previously, he taught part-time at George Mason University and the George Washington University and full-time at the University of Richmond. He earned his PhD in Economics from Columbia University; master’s degrees from Columbia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the College of William and Mary; and a bachelor’s from the University of Virginia.

He was President of the National Economists Club and the Richmond Association for Business Economics and chaired the Health Economics Roundtable for the National Association for Business Economics. Outside of economics, Graboyes is a musician (composer and performer) and a polyglot (speaking French, Spanish, Portuguese, and a smattering of others). He lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Alanna.

Outside of work, Dr. Graboyes has led the National Economists Club, the Richmond Association for Business Economics, and the Healthcare Roundtable of the National Association for Business Economics. He plays piano and guitar (jazz, classical, and Latin); studies foreign languages (French, Spanish, Portuguese).