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Richard Sobel Honored with 2017 George Orwell Award

Richard Sobel has been named the winner of the 2017 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language for *Citizenship as Foundation of Rights: Meaning for America*. This book embodies the spirit of Orwell and impacts the far-reaching, universal issue of immigration. Citizenship is likely a word that is frequently used but rarely understood. Sobel's rather sobering and methodical book serves as a social critique and impetus for social justice. While the cases cited and the context of this work are largely focused on the United States, its implications and relevance reach beyond our borders and address a global issue.

Sobel explores the relationships between citizens and governments. His work includes the policy analysis of privacy and confidentiality issues, particularly on constitutional and policy questions about governmental databanks and identification schemes. He also explores the influence of public opinion on foreign and national security policies in the U.S. and abroad. The privacy and foreign policy strands became more closely allied in the post-911 era of concerns for how international issues like anti-terrorism in national security affect the domestic realm, including civil liberties. (For more information on Dr. Sobel, see <http://www.pipatl.org/people/sobel/bio.html>.)

The Orwell award was established in 1975 by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This award recognizes an author, editor, or producer who has made outstanding contributions to the honesty and clarity in public language through critical analysis of public discourse.

He will be announced as the recipient of the George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language at the NCTE Awards Presentation Session on Saturday, November 18, during the 2017 [NCTE Annual Convention](#) in St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information about the NCTE George Orwell Award, including past winners, see <http://www.ncte.org/volunteer/groups/publiclangcom/orwellaward>.

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