

## David Jeremiah Vail

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### Status

Adams-Catlin Professor of Economics *emeritus* and former Director of Environmental Studies, Bowdoin College

### Education

PHD, Yale University: Economics, 1971.  
Thesis: *The Public Sector as Stimulus of Innovation in African Smallholder Agriculture* (A case study in Teso, Uganda).  
AB, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School: Certificate in International Affairs. 1965  
*Magna cum laude*, Omicron Delta Epsilon (National Honor Society in Economics).

### Current Research Themes

Economic resilience and sustainable rural development  
Maine's climate and energy strategy  
Impact of a Federal carbon fee-and-dividend on state and local governments

### Current Board and Advisory Positions

Citizens' Climate Lobby, Economics Policy Network  
Solar Energy Association of Maine, Board of Directors  
CEI - Coastal Enterprises Incorporated (a CFDI), Policy Committee  
Chewonki Foundation, Board of Advisors (Finance Committee)  
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Advisory Council

### Recent Consulting Positions

Northern Forest Center & Arctaris Impact Investors – *Economic Impact of Revitalizing and Reopening Saddleback Ski Resort* (2019-20)  
Appalachian Mountain Club – *Maine Woods Initiative* (2014-20)  
Maine Woods Consortium – *Maine Woods Discovery* (2013-16)  
New England Forestry Foundation – *New England Forests: The Path to Sustainability* (2014)

### Books and Monographs

*AMC'S MAINE WOODS INITIATIVE* A Fifteen-Year Retrospective | 2003–2018. 2021. Editor and principal author. Appalachian Mountain Club, Charlestown., MA.

*Feasibility of Perennial Grass as a Biomass Feedstock in Aroostook County, Maine*. 2015. Johnston, Jason, C. Wang, A Plant, D. Vail. University of Maine Presque Isle

*Amenity Investments and Tourism Destination Development*. 2010. Maine Center for Economic Policy, Augusta

*Health Care and Tourism: A Lead Sector Strategy for Rural Maine*. 2007. Principal author and co-editor with Lisa Pohlmann, Maine Center for Economic Policy, Augusta.

*Spreading Prosperity to the "Other Maines."* 2005. Co-editor with Lisa Pohlmann. Maine Center for Economic Policy. Augusta.

*Tourism and Livable Wages in Maine?* 2000. Prine2 (a)--T2 1 TffB2W44Tf2arTfH2Mof180enteW003 Tw T w

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Governing Snowmobilers in Multiple-Use Landscapes: Swedish and Maine (USA) Cases. 2004 David Vail and T. Heldt. *Ecological Economics*.48: 469-483

Snowmobiling in Maine: Past Successes, Future Challenges. 2002. *Maine Policy Review*, 11:2 pp. 130 – 140.

Institutional Factors Affecting the Scale and Structure of Tourism in Dalarna (Sweden) and Maine (USA), 2000.

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"Family Farms in the Web of Community: Exploring the Political-

15 October.

Responding to the global climate crisis: America must lead. 2020. *Brunswick Times Record*. 15 Sept.

My medical heroes in the age of coronavirus. 2020. *Brunswick Times Record*. 21 May.

A staycation may be just what you and Maine tourism need during this pandemic. 2020. *Bangor Daily News*. 13 May.

Strengthening Maine Woods Tourism Resilience. 2019. *Bangor Daily News*. 11 April.

Challenges to Maine tourism resilience. 2019. *Bangor Daily News*. 1 February.

Contesting China's industry subsidies: A flawed US strategy. 2019. *Brunswick Times Record*. 23 May.

Getting more visitors into the Maine woods can reduce 'overtourism' on the coast. 2018. *Bangor Daily News*. 19 September.

Re-tooling Maine's displaced workers. With John Dorrer. 2018.

“Ecotourism and Sustainability” 27 June 2003

“War in Iraq and Sustainable Development at Home” 21 March 2003

“Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development Can Partner” with Bruce Hazard 3 January 2003

“Maine’s Tax and Spending Priorities: A Perspective to Keep in Mind” with Christopher St. John 25 October 2002

“Slouching Toward Johannesburg after Backsliding on Rio” 23 August 2002

“Slowing the Work-and-Consume Treadmill” 28 June 2002

"We must move from piecemeal environmental policies to green plans." 4 January 2002.

6:4 "Soil Management on Organic Farms in Maine", with Michael Rozyne, *Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener*,  
(July/August, 1979).

### **Past Academic Positions:**

Visiting Scholar, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Beijer International Institute for Ecological Economics, Stockholm, 1999, 2001  
 Director of Environmental Studies, Bowdoin College, 1996-99.  
 Chair, Bowdoin College Economics Department, 1978-82, 1986-89.  
 University of Maine System, Graduate Faculty, adjunct professor (1984, 1993, 1995-97).  
 Visiting Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Economics (1986, 1989, 1994).  
 Executive Board, Society for Advancement of Socio-economics (1991-93).  
 Associate, United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research, "Technology Transfer and Traditional Societies," Helsinki, Finland (1985-1989).  
 Editorial Board, *Review of Radical Political Economy* (1976-78, 1984-86).  
 Visiting Scholar, Food Research Institute, Stanford University (Summer 1977).  
 Rockefeller Foundation Research Fellow, Makerere University, Uganda (1968-70).

### **Past Advisory, Commission and Board Positions:**

Coastal Enterprises, Inc (a c.d.f.i.), board of directors, 2010-2019, chair of policy committee  
 Maine Center for Economic Policy, Board of Directors 1994-2009 (founding member)  
 New England Council of Governors, Blue Ribbon Commission on Land Conservation, Advisory Committee (2009-10)  
 Maine Governor's Council on Quality of Place, tourism and workforce development advisor (2007-08)  
 Maine Public Television, *Hometown Economies* series, consultant and featured interviewee, 2006-08  
 Maine Governor's Steering Committee on Natural Resource-based Industries, 2004-2006.  
 Maine Tourism Commission, Natural Resources Committee, 2003-06  
 Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, Sustainable Tourism Taskforce, 2003-06.  
 Natural Resources Council of Maine, board of directors, 1999-2004.  
 Maine House Speaker's Commission on Tax Reform, 2002-2003  
 Eco-Eco Forum of Maine Government, Business and Environmental Leaders, 1996-2002.  
 Sustainable Maine Steering Committee. Founding member. 1993-1996  
 Muskie School for Public Service, University of Southern Maine. MA program Planning Committee. 1995-97.  
 External evaluator, tenure and promotion decisions: Williams College, Middlebury College, Hamilton College, Bates College, University of Rhode Island, University of Southern Maine.  
 Society for Advancement of Socio-economics. 1990-93. Board of directors.  
 Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Priorities Project, technical working group (1994-96).  
 Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, "Ecological Communities" project, consultant (1990-91).  
 U.S. Representative Thomas Andrews, Economic policy advisor (1990)  
 Maine Science and Technology Board, Development of Value Added Industry in Maine, Consultant (1988-89).  
 Maine Department of Agriculture: Agriculture Viability Project (1985-87), Food Processing Industry Task Force (1984-85), Finance Authority of Maine Design Group (1982-83), Apprenticeship Program Steering Committee (1981-84).  
 New England Small Farm Institute (Belchertown, MA). Appropriate Technology Advisory Committee, (1985-87).  
 New England Governors and Eastern Canada Premiers Conference, Small Farm Sub-Committee (1983-85).  
 Maine Small Farm Association. Legislation Committee (1984-1986).  
 The Rodale Research Center, Outside Evaluator, "Kutztown Farm Project" Kutztown, PA, (1982-83).  
 Vermont Natural and Organic Farmers Association, Research Advisory Group, National Science Foundation Project on Organic Farming Methods (1980-81).  
 Harvard Institute for International Development, Agricultural Economics Advisor, Abyei (Sudan) Integrated Rural Development Project (1978-80).



