



The House and Senate Green New Deal Resolutions have provoked much contention and debate. The debates are heated, some see the Deal as a limit to economic growth - impossible to accomplish, while others have viewed it as a force for change for our economy and environment. The recent focus on the current Green New Deal offers an opportunity for dialogue. All sides can share and determine what is possible and feasible. The hype and rhetoric can be separated from what is achievable. A willingness to be open-minded and make the effort to understand the GND makes sense. Each of our speakers will bring their specific expertise on the issues of labor relations, job creation or destruction, the significance of inequality in driving climate change, state and local economic outcomes as well as economic and social justice outcomes. Let's start this conversation.



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Eric Roston, Moderator, Sustainability Editor of Bloomberg News (see all bios on back)

***When:* June 6th, 2019. 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

***Where:* Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dickinson Hall/Wilson Auditorium,
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Speakers:



Eric Roston, Moderator, is Sustainability Editor of Bloomberg News and writes frequently about climate science and policy. An author and public speaker, he spearheaded some of Bloomberg News's most high-profile climate-related graphics of recent years. Follow him on Bloomberg.com and on Twitter at @eroston.

Dr. Todd E. Vachon is a faculty member in the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University. Todd's research agenda is a theoretically and empirically driven effort to understand the structural origins and consequences of inequality and the struggles of ordinary people to achieve greater equality and dignity through education, organizations, and movements. To this end, he has published widely on social stratification, labor market regulations, social movements, and the intersection of work and environmental issues. Todd is currently completing a book manuscript about the emerging labor-climate movement within the U.S. labor movement that is promoting a just transition away from dependence on fossil fuels toward green energy solutions to the climate crisis.

Dan Sosland is president and CEO of Acadia Center, a non-profit research and advocacy organization working at the state and regional levels to advance the clean energy future and implement policy solutions to the climate crisis. Acadia Center utilizes a research-oriented approach that incorporates consumer, health, equity and economic benefits to attract diverse stakeholder support. Acadia Center's work has led to over \$1 billion in annual funding in energy efficiency in key states; advanced carbon market policy, where Acadia Center plays a leading role in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and in transportation climate policy; and reducing diesel emissions, where Acadia Center work led to the retrofitting of all diesel school buses in Massachusetts. Acadia Center has been featured as a top charity in the U.S. by national publications and received the ACEEE Champion of Efficiency Award and US EPA Environmental Leadership Award. Dan serves on the board of directors of U.S. Climate Action Network and Northeast Clean Energy Council.

Dr. Rachael Shwom is an associate professor in the School of Environmental and Biological Science's Department of Human Ecology. Her work links sociology, psychology, engineering, economics, and public policy to investigate how social and political factors influence society's responses to energy and climate problems. Dr. Shwom, who became Associate Director of the Rutgers Energy Institute (REI) in July 2017, has published on public opinion on climate change, non-profits decisions to partner with business to address energy issues, household energy consumption, long term risk governance, and risk communication.

Dr. Eban Goodstein directs Graduate Programs in Sustainability at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. Goodstein is the author of three books: *Economics and the Environment*, (John Wiley and Sons: 2017) now in its eighth edition; *Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction: How Passion and Politics Can Stop Global Warming* (University Press of New England: 2007); and *The Trade-off Myth: Fact and Fiction about Jobs and the Environment* (Island Press: 1999). He serves on the editorial board of *Sustainability: The Journal of Record*. In recent years, Goodstein coordinated a series of national educational events around climate change, engaging over 2,500 colleges, universities, and K-12 schools in the solutions-based dialog. At Bard, he also directs [C2C Fellows](#), a network of undergraduates and recent graduates who aspire to sustainability leadership in business, NGOs and government.