

Education

M.S. Sustainable Food Systems

Green Mountain College, May 2016

B.S. Environmental Studies

University of Maine at Machias, May 2012

Leadership Experience

Executive Director

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute – East Troy, WI

Oct 2023 – Present

- Lead a nationally recognized nonprofit focused on food/agriculture research, education, and policy.
- Oversee \$2M in USDA-funded programs and manage a multi-state team of 10 staff and dozens of contractors.
- Develop and implement long-term strategies with the Board to support mission growth and impact.
- Represent the organization publicly, build strategic partnerships, and guide communications and development.
- Lead all aspects of operations including HR, finance, and grants administration.

Executive Director

Viles Arboretum – Augusta, ME

June 2020 – Dec 2023

- Directed one of Maine's largest public nature centers, a 220-acre hub for agroforestry, education, and climate adaptation.
- Increased revenue by 42% through strategic fundraising, donor engagement, and coalition building.
- Built partnerships across government, nonprofit, and academic sectors to expand reach and impact.
- Oversaw HR, finance, and operations in collaboration with the Board and small staff team.

City Councilor

Hallowell, ME

Nov 2022 – Sept 2024

- Elected on a platform of environmental sustainability and good governance.
- Co-authored and led the passage of a pioneering municipal ban on cosmetic pesticide use.
- Chair of the Recreation Commission; also served on Public Lands and Health & Wellness Committees.

Director, Summer Institute

Tilton School – Tilton, NH

Feb 2019 – 2020

- Led a global STEAM program focused on sustainability, design, and agriculture.
- Recruited faculty and students internationally and coordinated travel, curriculum, and partnerships.
- Reported directly to the CEO; oversaw budgeting, team coaching, and communications.

Consulting Experience

Independent Consultant – via Interim & Impact

Windsor Fair Education Association

April 2025 - Present

- Raising funding for an agricultural education center using state, federal, and private funding. Assisting with the development of a statewide program approach.

Cultivating Community – Portland, ME

Feb 2022 – Aug 2023

- Supported operations, staff development, and grant strategy for an agricultural justice nonprofit serving asylum seekers and low-income families.

Bold ReUse – Portland, OR**Jan 2022 – Mar 2023**

- Provided grant writing and partnership support for a systems-change initiative focused on reusable food ware across the Pacific Northwest.

Lexicon of Sustainability – Petaluma, CA**June – Nov 2016**

- Developed curriculum content for a national educational initiative promoting local sustainability and civic engagement.
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Teaching & Education**Horticulture/Agriculture Teacher***Midcoast School of Technology – Rockland, ME***Aug 2012 – Jan 2019**

- Created and taught a CTE-certified agriculture program integrating theory and hands-on farming.
- Led instruction across aquaponics, greenhouse management, fruit and vegetable production, livestock, and business operations.
- Recognized for curriculum innovation and student engagement.

Adjunct Professor*Kennebec Valley Community College – Fairfield, ME***Sep 2014 – May 2015**

- Designed and taught customized courses on greenhouse management, IPM, and hydroponics in partnership with Backyard Farms.
- Invited to teach a follow-up course in sustainable crop production due to strong outcomes and feedback.

Program Director*Maine Trust for Education in Conservation – Sullivan, ME***Summers 2007 – 2012**

- Led youth environmental education programming on a working farm.

- Integrated sustainability, food systems, and design thinking into outdoor experiential learning.
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Licenses & Certifications

- Maine Commercial Pesticide Applicator License (Expired)
 - Red Cross Certified Instructor, First Responder/CPR/AED (Expired)
 - Highly Qualified Teacher Endorsement, Horticulture (Grades 7–12, State of Maine, 2012–2019, Expired)
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Volunteer Leadership

- **Interim President**, Maineshare – 2021
Assisted in organizational transition and acquisition by Maine Initiatives.
 - **Vice President**, Waldo County UMaine Cooperative Extension Council – 2014–2015
 - **Chair**, Islesboro Farmers Market – 2014–2015
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Awards & Recognition

- “The Teacher: Islesboro Central School” – *Portland Press Herald*, Spring 2016
- Maine Community Foundation Policy Scholar – 2010–2011
- Maine Campus Compact Award for Environmental Civic Engagement – 2009
- Student Senate – University of Maine at Machias, 2008–2009