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### **DEAN DAVID SCHEJBAL**

Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning

University of Wisconsin-Extension

“Dean Schejbal really deserves the credit for bringing this program together. He’s an excellent facilitator and absolutely passionate about sustainability.”

– *Greg Trudeau, Chair of the Department of Business and Economics  
University of Wisconsin-Superior*

David Schejbal is a leading advocate for sustainability education. In the 1990’s while at Northwestern University, Schejbal developed and team-taught an unusual course in the use of water in the American Southwest. For most of the academic year, students and faculty explored the social, political, and economic implications of inhabiting and farming in the desert. Part of the course was taught in Glen Canyon and the Four Corners region.

While at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Schejbal co-chaired the Campus Sustainability Committee and was a member of the Environmental Council. He also served as one of the principal investigators on Team Illinois, the University’s Solar Decathlon team: an international, Department of Energy-sponsored competition in which student and faculty teams design sustainable houses that operate independently of the energy grid. Selected houses are then displayed on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

At the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Schejbal made sustainability a primary focus. He brought together the strengths of four University of Wisconsin campuses-- UW-Parkside, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout and UW-Superior—to craft a degree completion program to educate leaders for the green economy. He worked with faculty and business leaders to identify core competencies that green economy managers need to help their businesses become and remain truly sustainable. The team developed an exciting, new curriculum that focuses on systems thinking: bringing together an understanding of scientific, policy, and business principles so that graduates can fully contribute to their companies’ bottom lines.

David Schejbal earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Iowa State University and master’s and doctoral degrees in philosophy from the University of Connecticut. He has taught courses in environmental ethics and environmental policy, is a member of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD), and serves on the board of the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA).

From a personal sustainability standpoint, Schejbal recently finished building a multi-fuel, high efficiency home, and he makes a strong effort to reduce consumption in all areas of his life.