



## David Orr

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David Orr is Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Emeritus and Special Assistant to the President of Oberlin College. Orr is the author of eight books, including *Dangerous Years: Climate Change and the Long Emergency* (Yale, 2016) and *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse* (Oxford, 2009) and co-editor of three others. He has authored over 220 articles, reviews, book chapters, and professional publications.

In the past twenty-five years, David has served as a board member or adviser to ten foundations and on the boards of many organizations including the Rocky Mountain Institute, Bioneers, and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. He is currently a Trustee of the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, Children and Nature Network, and the WorldWatch Institute. He has been awarded nine honorary degrees and a dozen other awards including a Lyndhurst Prize, a National Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation, leadership awards from the US Green Building Council (2014) and from Second Nature (2012), and lifetime achievement awards from Green Energy Ohio and the North American Association for Environmental Education.

David has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. He headed the effort to design, fund, and build the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, which was named by an AIA panel in 2010 as “the most important green building of the past thirty years,” as “one of thirty milestone buildings of the twentieth century” by the U.S. Department of Energy, and as one of “52 game-changing buildings of the past 170 years” by the editors of *Building Design + Construction* in January 2016. He was also instrumental in the design and funding of the Peter B. Lewis Gateway Center, and is the founder of the Oberlin Project and of the journal *Solutions*. His current work is on the state of American democracy ([www.stateofamericandemocracy.org](http://www.stateofamericandemocracy.org)(link is external)).