# John Fleck studies and writes about the challenges of coping with less water in North America’s arid southwest. His books *Science Be Dammed: How Ignoring Inconvenient Science Drained the Colorado River* and *Water is For Fighting Over: And Other Myths About Water in the West* have challenged traditional narratives about the region’s water problems, helping provide a foundation for adapting to climate change.

# Work

## Director, University of New Mexico Water Resources Program 2016 - present

* Direct graduate program in sustainable water use and management, advising student education and research

## Professor of Practice in Water Policy and Governance, UNM Department of Economics 2016 - present

* Co-teach contemporary issues in water management and science and technology communication as part of professional graduate degree program

## Adjunct lecturer, writer-in-residence, University of New Mexico Water Resources Program 2013 - 2016

* Co-teach contemporary issues in water management and science and technology communication as part of professional masters degree program: WR 571, Contemporary Issues, 4 cr: Fall 2013, 2014, and 2015; WR 572 Modeling, 4 cr: Spring 2016.

## Staff writer, Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque, NM 1990 – 2015

* Beat reporter for daily newspaper covering climate, weather and water policy for a general audience. Other specialties included nuclear weapons and waste policy, federal budget and general science writing.

## Staff writer, Pasadena Star-News, Pasadena, Calif. 1986 - 1990

* Beat reporter for daily newspaper covering local and regional government, science and water for a general audience.

# Service

* Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center Research Network 2018 - present

# Education

## Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA 1977 - 1981

Bachelor’s degree in philosophy, with an emphasis in the history and philosophy of science.

# Consulting

* **Colorado River Water Conservation District**: Part of team developing risk management and adaptation strategies for use by water managers in the state of Colorado to protect water users against the impacts of drought and climate change. 2016-present
* **Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority**: Part of team developing new long-term Albuquerque Water Resources Management Strategy. 2016

# Publications

* **Books**
* *Science be Dammed: How Ignoring Inconvenient Science Drained the Colorado River*, Eric Kuhn and John Fleck, University of Arizona Press, 2019
* *Water is for Fighting over: and other Myths about Water in the West*; Island Press, 2016
* *The Tree Rings' Tale: Understanding Our Changing Climate*; University of New Mexico Press, 2009
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* *Resilient Las Vegas*? in Mazur, Laurie. "*Resilience Matters*", Island Press, 2017
* *Potable Water Reuse in Arid Inland Communities: Understanding the Social, Technical, and Economic Opportunities and Constraints*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, November 2016, C.E. Scruggs, J.G. Herman, C. Pratesi, L. Distler, and J. Fleck.
* We’re *Already* Using Less Colorado River Water: Management Opportunities in the Face of Supply Constraints; Continuing Legal Education Law of the Colorado River conference proceedings, January 2016
* Dear Arizona: Blaming California Won't Make It Rain; Water Deeply, Aug. 5 2015
* Peterson, Thomas C., William M. Connolley, John Fleck, 2008: The Myth of the 1970s Global Cooling Scientific Consensus. *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*,**89**, 1325–1337.
* What Seven States Can Agree to Do: Deal-Making on the Colorado River; Stanford University Rural West Initiative, 2011