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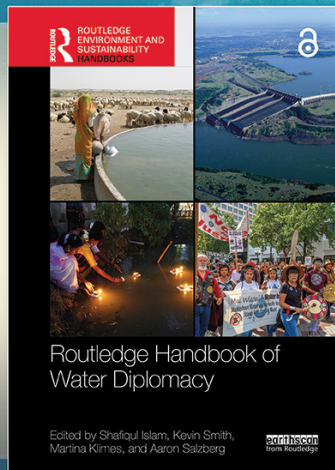
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Special Water Webinar to Explore Water Diplomacy

On Monday, December 15, the WRRC will host a Special WRRC Water Webinar offering an overview of the *Routledge Handbook of Water Diplomacy*. The Handbook is a comprehensive guide to understanding and practicing water diplomacy – a framework for building relationships, negotiating shared interests, and managing complex water challenges across physical, political, and societal boundaries.

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WRRC Annual Photo Contest Closing Soon!

Time is running out! All submissions to the WRRC 2025 photo contest are due by Friday, December 19. This year's theme, *A World of Water*, invites you to showcase the many ways water shapes our planet and how we shape water.

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Spring Lecture Series Examines the Future of Water in AZ

In January, WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal will be the first speaker featured in a three-part lecture series entitled *Running on Empty – Facing Water Scarcity across the Southwest*, presented by Kol Ami Synagogue's Dayenu Circle. Mike Crimmins, a climate scientist in the U of A's Department of Soil, Water, and Environmental Science, and Chairman Austin Nuñez of the San Xavier District in the Tohono O'odham Nation will also speak during this series focused on Arizona's water future.

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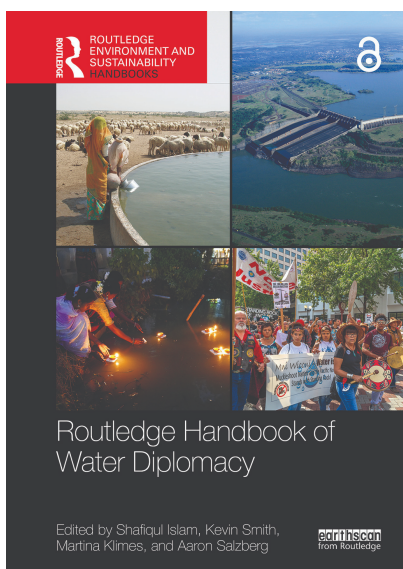
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University of Arizona
Student Union Memorial Center
Tucson, AZ

WRRRC 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**WATER FOR TECH,
MINING & ENERGY**

**PATHWAYS TO
ARIZONA'S FUTURE**



Special WRRRC Water Webinar: The "How" of Water Diplomacy: An Introduction to the Routledge Handbook of Water Diplomacy

Date: December 15, 2025

Time: 12:00–1:30 pm Arizona Time

Location: [Zoom](#)

[More Info](#)

WRRRC Upcoming and Co-sponsored Events

Jan
13

Running on Empty - Facing Water Scarcity Across the Southwest – Session 1: The Future of Water in Southern Arizona – Issues, Innovation, and Impact (Featuring WRRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal) – Save the Date!

Feb
12

WRRRC 22nd Annual Chocolate Fest – Save the Date!

Mar
16

ENVS Colloquium/Seminar on PFAS Featuring Sharon Udasin (3:00 MST) – Save the Date!

Apr
14–15

WRRC 2026 Annual Conference: Water for Tech, Mining & Energy: Pathways to Arizona's Future – Save the Date!

Water News

WRRC Water News

- **WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal Recognized as One of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona's 90 Women Honored**

Other Water News

- **New Research Links Health Impacts Related to 'Forever Chemicals' to Billions in Economic Losses (UA News)**
- **AWRA GWTC Call for Abstracts Now Open!**
- **AWRA Announces 2026 Conference Dates, Location**
- **Registration Open for A Meeting of Sacred Waters 2026**
- **Internet of Water Webinar Recording: Clearing Barriers to Storm Data: Get to Know the IoW Storm Events Database Explorer**
- **Rainwater Harvesting Grows in the Southwest and Beyond to Nourish Thirsty Gardens in a Hotter World (AP News)**

Water Jobs & Other Opportunities

WRRC Seeks Graduate Research Assistant for Spring 2026

The Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) is seeking a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) for the Spring 2026 semester to support our stakeholder outreach and engagement efforts and assist with research projects. The WRRC acts as a bridging organization between academia and water managers throughout the state, providing stakeholder outreach, facilitation, and research to support communities in their water management efforts. **[More Info](#)**

Other Jobs & Opportunities

- **ADWR Multiple Openings**
- **City of Glendale Water Services Dept: Cross Connection Control Specialist**

Please visit the [WRRC's website](#) for a complete listing of water jobs and opportunities.

Calendar Announcements



- Dec 12–27: [River Run Network River Restoration Workshops/Arundo Removal and Clean Ups](#)
- Dec 14: [Upper Verde River Wildlife Area Guided Field Tour](#)
- Dec 15: [Special WRRC Water Webinar: The "How" of Water Diplomacy: An Introduction to the Routledge Handbook of Water Diplomacy](#)
- Dec 16–18: [2025 CRWUA Annual Conference: Forging A Path Forward](#)
- Dec 18: [Women in Water Diplomacy Network \(WWDN\) Event – Immediately following CRWUA Conference – Save the Date!](#)
- Dec 18: [ADWR Public Hearing on Proposed Ranegras Plain Groundwater Basin Active Management Area](#)
- Dec 18: [ADEQ Stakeholder Meeting for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking — Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Impacting Surface Waters](#)
- Dec 19: [BSMAR 19 Symposium – Building Resiliency with MAR: Convey, Store and Deliver – Abstract Submission Deadline EXTENDED!](#)
- Dec 19: [WRRC 2025 Photo Contest: A World of Water – Submission Deadline](#)

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