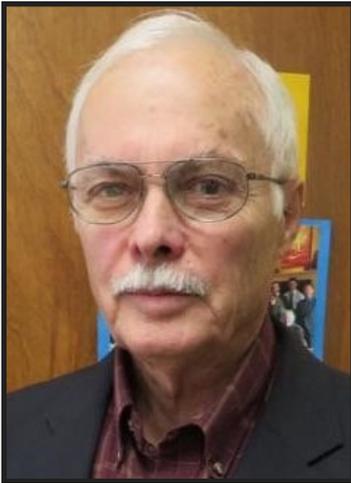




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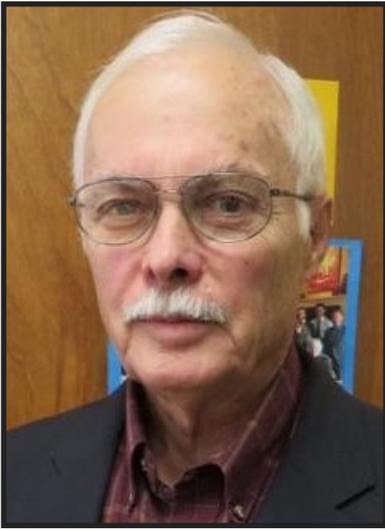


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Dr. Mumme is the author of *Border Water: The Politics of U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Water Management, 1945-2015* (University of Arizona Press 2023) and *Apportioning Groundwater along the U.S.-Mexico Border* (UCSD 1988) as well as co-author with Alan Lamborn of *Statecraft Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy Making* (Westview 1988). His research appears in dozens of journals, including the *Political Research Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Policy Studies Review*, *Publius*, *Social Science Journal*, *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, *Environmental Politics*, *Natural Resources Journal*, *Journal of Environment and Development*,

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Since 2018, he has been a non-resident research scholar with the U.S.-México Center at the James Baker Institute for Policy Studies at Rice University. His recent work, “Troubled Waters: Recent Challenges to the 1970 US-México Boundary Treaty” (with Regina Bouno) and “Treaty and Non-Treaty Mechanisms for Resolving the Rio Grande River Water Debt Dilemma” (with Oscar Ibanez), has focused on the water politics of the Rio Grande River.

Professor Mumme has been quoted in a wide range of publications including *Scripps News Service*, *Univision*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Congressional Research Service*, *National Public Radio*, the Center for Biological Diversity’s *The Revelator* series, *OnEarth Magazine*, *EcoAmericas*, *Texas Monthly*, *Vice News*, *Greenwire*, *The Texas Tribune*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *El Imparcial* (Hermosillo, Sonora), *Western Water Magazine*, *La Jornada* (Mexico City), *BBC Mundo*, *Bloomberg News*, and *Politico*, among others.

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