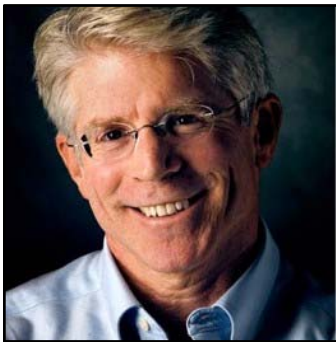




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Beyond Seven Billion: Why an environmental Reporter Decided to Write about Population Growth



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[Kenneth R. Weiss](#), a Pulitzer Prize--winning writer, focuses on topics at the intersection of science, environment and public health. He is now writing a book that draws the connections between women's rights and reproductive health with hunger, poverty, national security and environmental decline. The book was inspired by his series, [Beyond 7 Billion](#), published last year in the Los Angeles

Times on the causes and consequences of human population growth. He was the lead reporter for the [Altered Oceans](#) series, which showed how the slow creep of environmental decay often has a more profound impact than cataclysmic natural disasters. Besides winning the Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting, Weiss has won the George Polk Award, the Grantham Prize, a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, the Scripps Howard Foundation's National Journalism Award and many others. He holds a bachelor's degree in folklore from UC Berkeley and lives in Carpinteria, California. Like way too many Californians, he prefers to conduct his own ocean research from his surfboard.