

Melanie Ellis is currently serving as the Regional Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this role she coordinates with stakeholders across the region to foster, build and maintain positive relationships.

Melanie joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, in June 2003 as a Public Affairs Specialist. She provided Public Affairs support to the 25 lakes managed by the Operations Division as well as Civil Works projects like the Dallas Floodway and Central City Projects. She also deployed to Mississippi in support of Hurricane Katrina in 2006 and was selected as the Public Affairs representative for the USACE National Water Safety Team.

In 2009 Melanie was selected as one of two Fort Worth District Emerging Leaders under the Leadership Development Program. She completed a six month developmental assignment in the Fort Worth District Executive Office supporting command initiatives and programs and providing oversight and guidance to the Leadership Development Program.

Upon completion of her six month assignment in January 2010, Melanie accepted an assignment as a Project Manager in the Fort Worth District's Programs and Project Management, Civil Works Branch. There she worked on the Dam and Levee Safety Programs and was the assistant PM for Lewisville Dam and the lead PM for O.C. Fisher Dam.

In May 2015 she accepted a 90 day developmental assignment as the Deputy Chief of Readiness and Contingency Operations Division in SWD. During this assignment she assisted with the 2015 SWD Flood Response effort as all four Districts in SWD experienced record flooding.

Recently she completed a six month assignment with the Collaboration and Public Participation Center of Expertise. From April 2017 through October 2017 she worked with the Public Awareness Communications Team supporting the national level Dam and Levee Safety Program.

Melanie is a native Texan and holds a Master's of Science in Business Management and Leadership from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. She has successfully completed the Defense Information Schools Public Affairs Editor's and Officers Qualification Course at Fort Meade in Maryland; the Advanced Course at the Army Management Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas; and is an assistant instructor for the Customer Relationship training course. She has received three Department of the Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service for her work as a Program and Project Manager.



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## Brandon R. Brummett, P.E., PMP Louisville District Outreach Coordinator



Brandon Brummett has served as the Outreach Coordinator for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District since 2007. He works to educate state and local governments and Congressional staff about US Army Corps of Engineers programs and processes and helps them to better understand how the US Army Corps of Engineers can assist in solving their water resources related issues. In addition, Mr. Brummett assists other federal and state agencies through the International and Interagency Services Program. He serves as the Louisville District's Silver Jackets Interagency Flood Risk Management Team leader and helps lead both the Indiana and Kentucky teams in addition to participating on the Illinois and Ohio teams.

From 2004-2007, Mr. Brummett served as a Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District's Reserve Support Branch. As a Project Manager on this team, he supervised design and construction of numerous multi-million dollar United States Army Reserve Training Centers throughout the United States.

From 2000-2004, Mr. Brummett served as a Project and Study Manager in the Louisville District's Planning Branch managing flood damage reduction, streambank protection, and riverfront recreational development projects. In 2001 he also deployed to support debris removal missions in response to flooding in West Virginia, as well as debris removal efforts at the Pentagon after the 9-11 terrorist attack.

From 1998-2000 Mr. Brummett served as a Department of the Army Intern and rotated through the District completing several assignments including supervision of military construction projects at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, lock and dam inspection and control tower inspections at several Louisville District flood risk management projects in Operations Division, as well as performing hydrologic and hydraulic analysis in Engineering Division.

Mr. Brummett is a 2015 graduate of the Louisville District Leadership Development Program and a 2007 graduate of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's Emerging Leaders Focus Group. He is the 2015 USACE Silver Jackets Coordinator of the Year, and has been awarded an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. A registered Civil Engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky since 2002, and certified Project Management Professional since 2007, he holds a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's of Engineering from the University of Louisville and has worked for the Louisville District since 1995.

Mr. Brummett is married to Laura Brummett and they have two daughters.

## US Army Corps of Engineers® Rock Island District

## Angela Freyermuth

Outreach and Customer Relations Specialist Rock Island District

Angela Freyermuth has served as the Outreach and Customer Relations Specialist for the Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since 2006. In this role, she is the principal advisor to the district's executive leadership on the development and integration of customer goals and initiatives.

Ms. Freyermuth started her federal career as a visual information specialist in 2001. In this role, she assisted program managers with visually communicating complex projects and missions to the general public.



In 2010, she took a developmental assignment at the Mississippi Valley Division in the Business Management Directorate assisting with outreach and strategic planning activities. In 2015, ventured to the Institute for Water Resources, working in Collaboration and Public Participation Center of Expertise and through that assignment she became a member of the USACE Public Involvement Specialist Cadre.

She has a Bachelor's of Science in Graphic Design from The Art Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. She is a certified Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt and serves as an emergency response State Liaison.