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#### **Abstract Visions, Concrete Designs: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 308 Program**

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. Dr. Jeffrey Brideau presented a paper at the International Water History Association's (IWHA) Biennial Conference in Delft, The Netherlands, on 24 June 2015. Hosted by the Delft University of Technology and UNESCO-IHE, the conference brought together historians, historical geographers, and other water resources professionals interested in water history from over 17 countries. The conference program traversed a wide array of water related topics across different landscapes and historical periods. The meeting was designed to provoke cross-disciplinary and international exchanges and to further the development of participants' analyses and narratives. Jeff presented a paper called "Abstract Visions, Concrete Designs: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 308 Program", which is based on his postdoctoral research for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). His paper focused on a set of river surveys conducted between the 1920s and 1940s, the emergence of multipurpose project planning, and the long-term strategic value of a comprehensive assessment of the nation's water resources.

Dr. Brideau is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland and currently an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) post-doctoral fellow working at the Institute for Water Resources, USACE. The conference and IWHA website can be found at: <http://www.iwha.net/>

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