

Prof. Sami Rizkalla...the early years



Did you know...

- Sami still enjoys playing racket ball on the beach
- Sami served in the Egyptian Military in the early 1970's



Sami from the pages of the ACI Structural Journal



1984



1988



1988



1988



1989



1995 - 1997



1997 - 1998

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



“As Dr. Sami’s very first victim (and survivor) from the University of Manitoba, I am immensely blessed that he has been my mentor and respected friend for many years. Like a good red wine that becomes more valuable as it matures, thankfully, he and I have both mellowed with age.”

Mohsen Shahawy

(M.S. 1982, Ph.D. 1985)

Principal and CEO

SDR Engineering Consultants, Inc.



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José A. Pincheira

(M.S. 1988)

Associate Professor

University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Congratulations, Sami! With much appreciation and gratitude for your continued friendship over the years. Best wishes on your new chapter in life.”



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“Dr. Rizkalla’s expertise in structural engineering is exceeded only by his knowledge and understanding of people. He is an exceptional scholar, engineer, leader, mentor and human being.”

Robin Hutchinson

(M.S. 1990, Ph.D. 1999)

Instructor

Red River College



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Researcher



Shear strengthening of the Maryland Bridge in Winnipeg, Manitoba (1997)
(left to right: Gamil Tadros, Sami Rizkalla, Robin Hutchinson, Lloyd McGinnis)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Jeff West, PhD, PE
(B.Sc. 1991 & M.Sc. 1994)
Associate Principal
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc., Inc.
Austin, Texas

“Dr. Rizkalla taught me structural steel design in my junior (3rd) year. I was initially intimidated as he randomly called upon students to answer questions in class. I soon came to respect and admire his enthusiasm and technical excellence, and was fortunate to have him supervise me as an undergraduate researcher and for my M.Sc. I am indebted to Dr. Rizkalla for his Mentorship”

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Award Winner



Receiving Merit Award from the Association of Professional Engineers of Manitoba with wife Mary & mother-in-law Adria (1994)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Amr Abdelrahman
(Ph.D. 1995)
Professor
Ain Shams University

“It was clear from the first day that our relation is not a teacher/student, but it was based on mutual understanding and friendship. Your support never ended, and again, you were keen to support me even when I’m back in Egypt. I learned a lot from you at the technical and social levels, and I owe you for your care, support, and guidance. I wish you a happy life, and to enjoy your small and big family. Thank you.”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Friend & Mentor

ACI STRUCTURAL JOURNAL

TECHNICAL PAPER

Title no. 92-S43

Test Model for the First Canadian Smart Highway Bridge



1995

by A. A. Abdelrahman, G. Tadros, and S. H. Rizkalla

With former students
Dr. Amr Abdelrahman,
Dr. Nahla Hassan
family and friends.



Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Craig Michaluk
(B.Sc. 1993, M.Sc. 1996)
Senior Director
Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

“Dr. Rizkalla, you reinforced the importance to never take short cuts, ensure my best quality product was put forth, and to be an innovative leader in my pursuits. Working with you was truly eye-opening when it came to “making my mark” in my field of study. Thank you so much for the worldly advice and guidance.”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Innovator



Beddington Trail Bridge, Calgary, Canada

Open to traffic 1994

First Bulb-Tee bridge girder
pretensioned with CFRP
tendons, CFRP stirrups, and
monitored by FBG sensors

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Amir Fam

(MSc 1996, PhD 2000)
Professor & Munro Chair
Queen's University
Canada

“Dr. Rizkalla, you have a remarkable ability to see the extent of the full potential of people very early on. You then ‘customize’ a mentorship program suited for each individual. Voluntarily, like a skilled physician, you gently treat weaknesses along the journey. You have always been my true inspiration. Your drive, enthusiasm, and experience allowed me to unlock my maximum potential. I owe you any success I achieved in my career.”

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Educator



With Graduate
students, Faculty
and staff at the
University of
Manitoba (1996)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



Joanne Keselman, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice-President Emeritus
University of Manitoba

“In my 11 years as vice-president (research), Dr. Rizkalla was one of the most inspiring and energetic researchers and scientific leaders that I had the pleasure of knowing and supporting. His ability to build and mobilize a world-class multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral research and development network yielding real benefits for universities, government and industry has been nothing short of remarkable.”

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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Zaki I. Mahmoud

(Ph.D. 1997)

Professor of Concrete Structures

Alexandria University, Egypt

“I would like to submit my heartiest gratitude to my respected advisor Prof. Rizkalla for his sincere guidance and generous help during my PHD study (1993-1997)

I am deeply indebted to him for his invaluable and continuous support to me and to the Egyptian Engineering Society”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



"I was fortunate to have the benefit of Dr. Rizkalla's technical guidance while I pursued my graduate degree. But even more significantly, he instilled in me a work ethic that stays with me to this day."

Haney Louka

(M.Sc., 1998)

Principal

Crosier Kilgour & Partners Ltd.



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Innovator



Canada's award winning "smart", bridge Headingly, MB (1997).



GFRP reinforced barrier and deck reinforcement & CFRP prestressing

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Emile Shehata

(Ph.D. 1999)

Senior Vice President

Tetra Tech Canada

Winnipeg, Manitoba



*“Do not stop learning new things every day,
regardless what you achieved.”*

*This key advice from Dr. Rizkalla inspired me to reach
that far in my professional career.*

Thanks Sami!”

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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Darren Eddie, P.Eng.

(B.S. 1996, M.S. 1999)

Owner



Dauphin, Manitoba



*“Dr. Rizkalla, Congratulations!
I regard my time at the University of Manitoba
under your guidance as a special time in my
education and professional development. The
multiple projects going on at the same time was
impressive. Your faith in your students to deliver
results, to present their projects, and to be
adaptable is more than words can express.
Thank you.”*

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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



“I will forever be grateful for the knowledge and skills that I have gained working with you. I really enjoyed every singly moment. Thank you.”

Tarek Hassan

(M.S. 1999, Ph.D. 2002)

Professor

Ain Shams University,

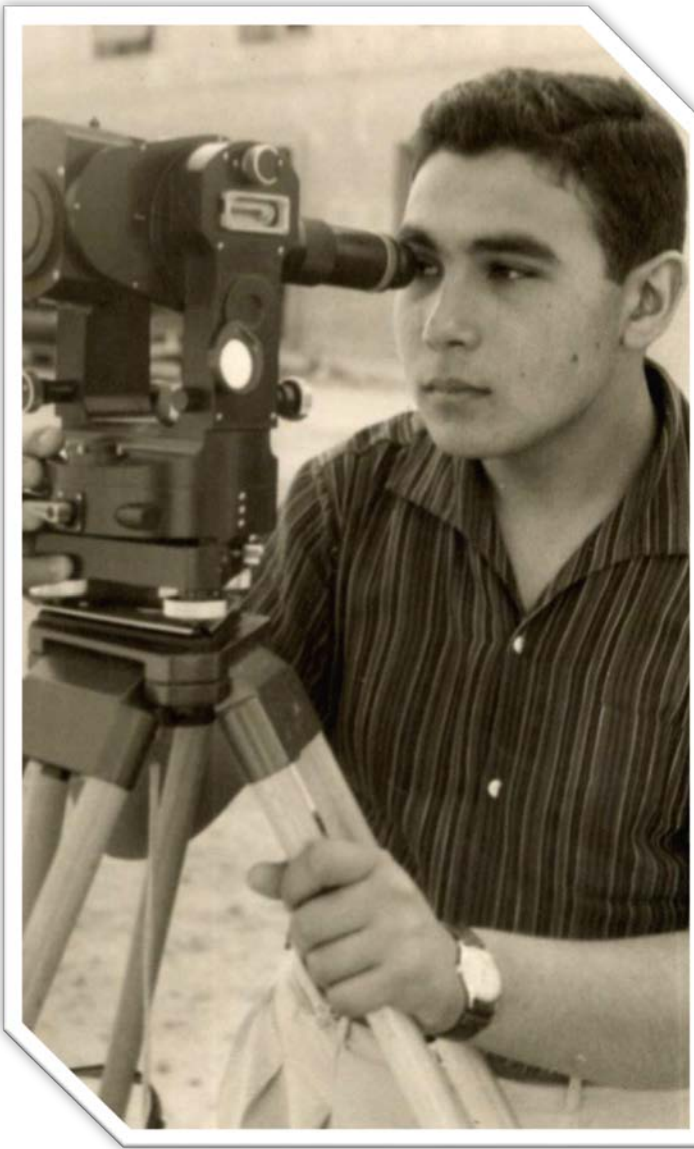
Egypt



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...as a student



Alexandria University
Faculty of Engineering



Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Brea Williams

(M.Sc. 2000)

Instructor

Red River College, Winnipeg

“Dr. Rizkalla is equal parts brilliance, patience, kindness and mischief. And he does one heck of an impression of a bridge deflecting under vehicular loads.”

You left a strong legacy in Winnipeg, and I'm proud that I got to be a small part of it.”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Jurgen Becque

(M.Sc. 2000)

Lecturer

The University of Sheffield

“What has always made the most lasting impression on me is not Dr. Rizkalla’s outstanding technical abilities or his ground-breaking work in research, but his disarming friendliness and abundant generosity. Thanks for all the support over the years, Dr. Rizkalla, in particular getting me my first job at Reid-Crowther.”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Chris Gentile, P.Eng.

(M.Sc. 2000)

Acting Director, Valley Line
LRT Expansion & Renewal
City of Edmonton

“Thank you for the mentorship and guidance that you provided me at the University of Manitoba. The critical thinking skills that you helped foster have formed the foundation of my engineering career.”

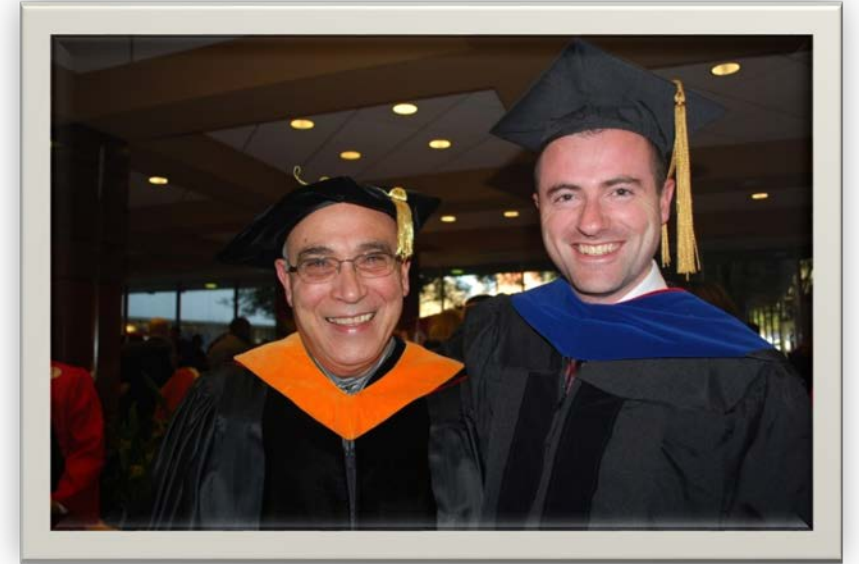
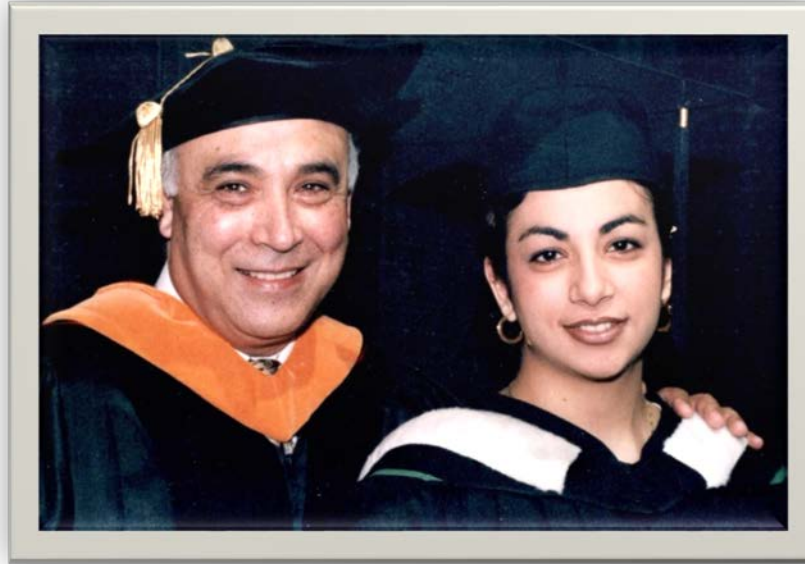
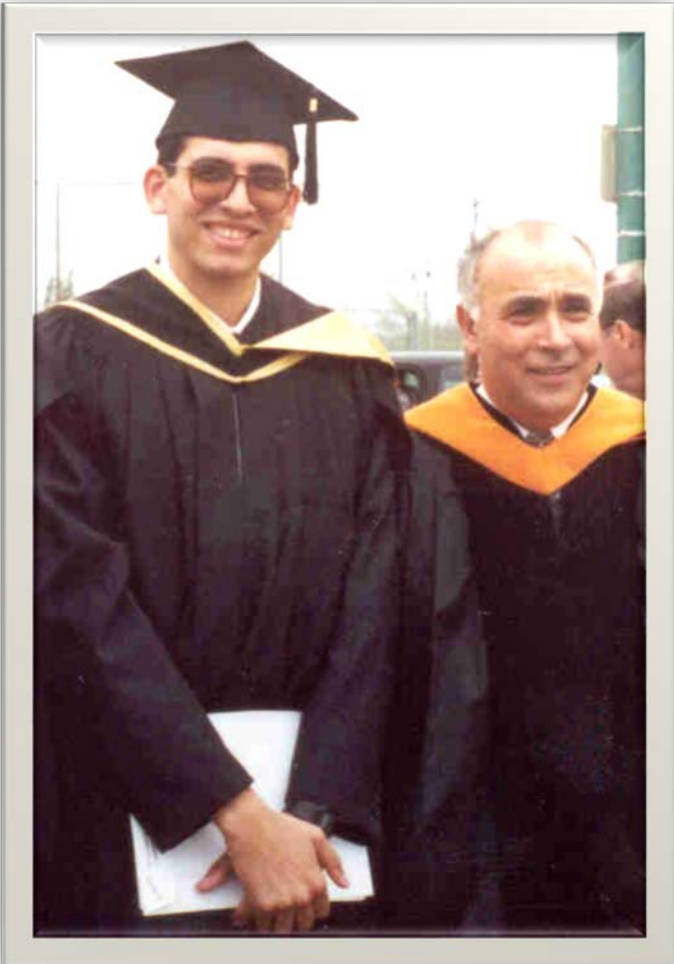
Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honour from ACI!”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Educator



Celebrating graduation:

Amir Fam, 1996 (left)

Natalie Rizkalla, 1998 (mid. top)

Mohamed Nafadi, 2016 (mid. bottom)

Dillon Lunn, 2012 (top right)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



“Dr. Rizkalla’s enthusiasm for his work is contagious. His continuous pursuit for excellence inspires his students to strive for greatness. He teaches his students that success is the direct result of hard work and dedication.”

Anna Teague

(M.S. 2002)

Bridge Group Manager (Raleigh, NC)

HDR Engineering



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Zhenhua Wu

(M.S. 2003, Ph.D. 2006)

Senior Engineer

WorleyParsons Group

“The measure of success should be the number of people you want to have love you actually do love you”. From this prospective, I firmly believe Dr. Rizkalla is one of the most successful professors in this world. Thanks, Dr. Rizkalla, for everything I received from you and NCSU.



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Lee Nelson

(M.S. 2005)

Program Manager

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

“I recall receiving an unexpected email from you as I was finishing a 6 month backpacking trip. I came to your office five days before classes with an application and quickly became your first student at NC State. Those years at the CFL really inspired my love for research and testing which is the basis for my career today. Thank you for everything and congratulations!”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



Ken Neale
Université de
Sherbrooke

Sami,

My sincerest wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable retirement.

I am forever grateful for our past collaborations, and especially for our deep friendship.



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Engin M. Reis

(Ph.D. 2005)

Senior Civil/Structural
Engineer
Siemens



*"Dr. Rizkalla,
Thank you for all your support and guidance for the
opportunity to be able to pursue my goals in the
professional life. Your contribution to the society will
be continued for several years through your
numerous students enlightened by your knowledge
and mentorship.*

Congratulations."

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Hands on



Checking concrete
(2009)



Stud welding
(2004)



Placing
CFRP
stirrups for
Taylor
bridge
girder
(1996)



Casting
(2009)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



David Schnerch

(Ph.D. 2005)

Associate Principal

Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates

“As a student in your undergraduate class, I thought that all I would learn from you was the subject of reinforced concrete. Little did I know, the even more important lessons I would learn about mentoring, professionalism, and constantly committing to the highest standards of excellence. Thank you and best wishes Dr. Rizkalla.”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Friend & Mentor



With the CFL
Family at the
Annual Picnic
held at the
Rizkalla residence

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Bryan Lanier, PE, SE

(M.S. 2005)

Director, Broadcast Engineering
American Tower Corporation

Congratulations on a stellar career and for your contributions both professionally and personally. My understanding of the practice of engineering fundamentally changed with our concrete class and the research I completed under your direction is one of my proudest achievements. Additionally, your humble treatment of others profoundly and positively influenced me. Thank you for these gifts.



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Mina Dawood

(M.S. 2005, Ph.D. 2008)

Associate Professor

University of Houston

“Dr. Rizkalla, it is rare to find people in this world whose primary interest is to invest in the character of others. You pour out of yourself and fill others. Your example is an inspiration. Thank you for taking me under your wings and teaching me how to fly on my own. Words cannot express my gratitude.”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Wonchang Choi

(Ph.D. 2006)

Associate Professor
University of Gachon
(South Korea)



*“No message could replace my appreciation.
I am grateful to be your student.
Thanks you for challenging me to be my best and
instilling in me a passion for learning.”*

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Educator & Researcher

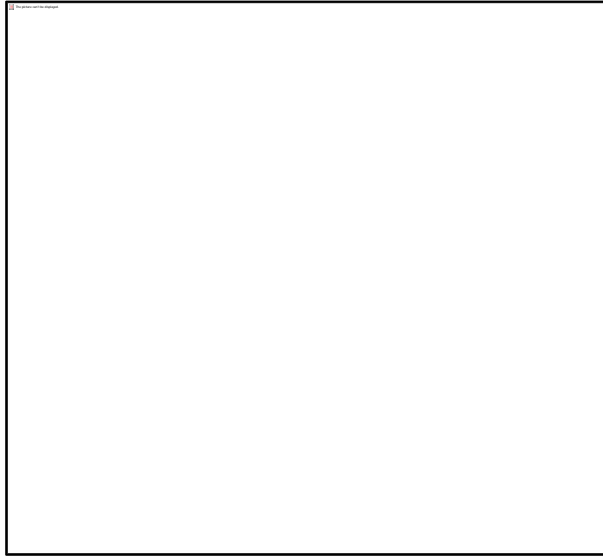


With NCHRP project
team members (students
& colleagues) (2006)

Also in Photo:

ACI Past Presidents
Paul Zia (1989) &
Robert Mast (1995)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Gregory Lucier
(M.S. 2006, Ph.D. 2012)
Associate Research Professor
NC State University

“Every aspect of my career has been guided by Dr. Rizkalla. He is a fantastic teacher, scholar, researcher, mentor, and friend. His endless motivation and enthusiasm are coupled with an exceptional technical ability and a strong practical knowledge. It has been a tremendous privilege to work with him for so many years. I thank him for everything he has done (and continues to do) for me and for many others.”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Researcher



Distinguished PCI industry guests attend precast concrete tests at NCSU (Left to Right: Gregory Lucier, Mohamed Nafadi, Gary Klein, Paul Zia, Harry Gleich, Doug Sutton, Don Logan, Tom D'Arcy, Alan Mattock, Sal Capobianco, Sami Rizkalla)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



*“Dr. Rizkalla is a role model, not only for his knowledge and experience, but also for being a father and a friend.
It is a blessing knowing an outstanding man like him.”*

Hatem Seliem, PhD, PE, PMP

(Ph.D. 2007)

Senior Bridge Engineer/Project Manager,
SDR Engineering Consultants, Inc.



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



Mark F. Green PhD PEng
Professor and Vice Dean
(Recruitment and Graduate Studies)
Engineering and Applied Science
Queen's University

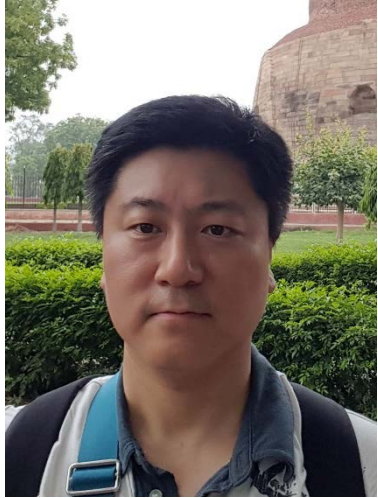


“Sami Rizkalla is truly an inspiring and visionary leader, especially in the area of fiber-reinforced polymers. Along with his strong and focussed leadership, he is always compassionate and takes time to support and encourage younger academics. In the early part of my career, I benefitted immensely from his guidance, and I am very glad to see how this mentorship has grown into a lasting friendship. Congratulations on a very deserving recognition from ACI!”

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“You have definitely made a positive difference in my life. Thank you for helping to prepare me for the real world!”

Sungjoong Kim

(Ph.D. 2007)

Lead Engineer

Pyunghwa Engineering

Consultants (PEC)



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Jason Patrick
(M.S. 2007)
Assistant Professor
NC State University

“Your guidance and mentorship in my early days of research were monumental to my drive and development as a faculty member. I’ll never forget asking if I could continue a PhD under you and your unselfish response was “if you ever want to return to NC State as professor you’ll need to go elsewhere for your doctorate...” I didn’t fully appreciate your wisdom until joining the CCEE faculty at NCSU in Fall 2017. Thank You for helping me reach my life’s goal!”

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Family Man

Visiting the Pyramids of Giza
with Mary and grandson, Jacob.



Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Matt Sumpter, P.E.

(M.S. 2007)

Associate

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

“I am so thankful to have been under Dr. Rizkalla’s tutelage, both as a research assistant and in his prestressed concrete class. Dr. Rizkalla had the unique ability to reduce complicated concepts into basic principles. Many of those principles I still use today as a practicing engineer! Thank you for your tireless devotion to students and to the industry.”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



“A much deserved honour. With his intellect, energy and enthusiasm, Sami enriches the lives of those around him. I am most grateful for the benefits he bestowed on me.”

Dr. Lloyd McGinnis, O.C., P. Eng,
Founding chair of IISD
Chief Executive Officer for ISIS Canada
Research Network from 1997 to 2009



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Amr Hosny

(M.S. 2007, Ph.D. 2010)

Project Manager

American International

Contractors, Inc.



“Never come to me with just a problem, if I knew the solution to everything, you wouldn’t be doing your research. Come to me with a problem and possible ways to solve it and then we can discuss the way to move forward.”

Thank you Dr. Rizkalla for everything and especially for teaching me how to think!

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“Dr. Rizkalla loves people as much as he loves concrete, and it shows whenever you spend time with him. His passion for excellence is contagious! His laughter is pretty contagious too!”

Kirk A. Stanford

(M.S. 2008)

Senior Engineer

SKA Consulting Engineers



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The lady behind the success, Mrs. Mary Rizkalla



Still smiling after more than 40 years!

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Catrina Walter

(M.S. 2008, B.S. 2006)

Senior Project Engineer

BergerABAM

“The daily example you set, your professional drive and guidance helped me forge my own path to an extremely rewarding career as a waterfront engineer at BergerABAM.”



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...

“Dr. Rizkalla, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity that you gave me and the honor of being part of your research team at NC State. I’ve always admired your work and contribution to the industry and the number of professionals that you have formed. Congratulations and Thank you again!”

Oscar Fabricio Montesdeoca, P.E., PMP

(M.S. 2008)

Project Manager

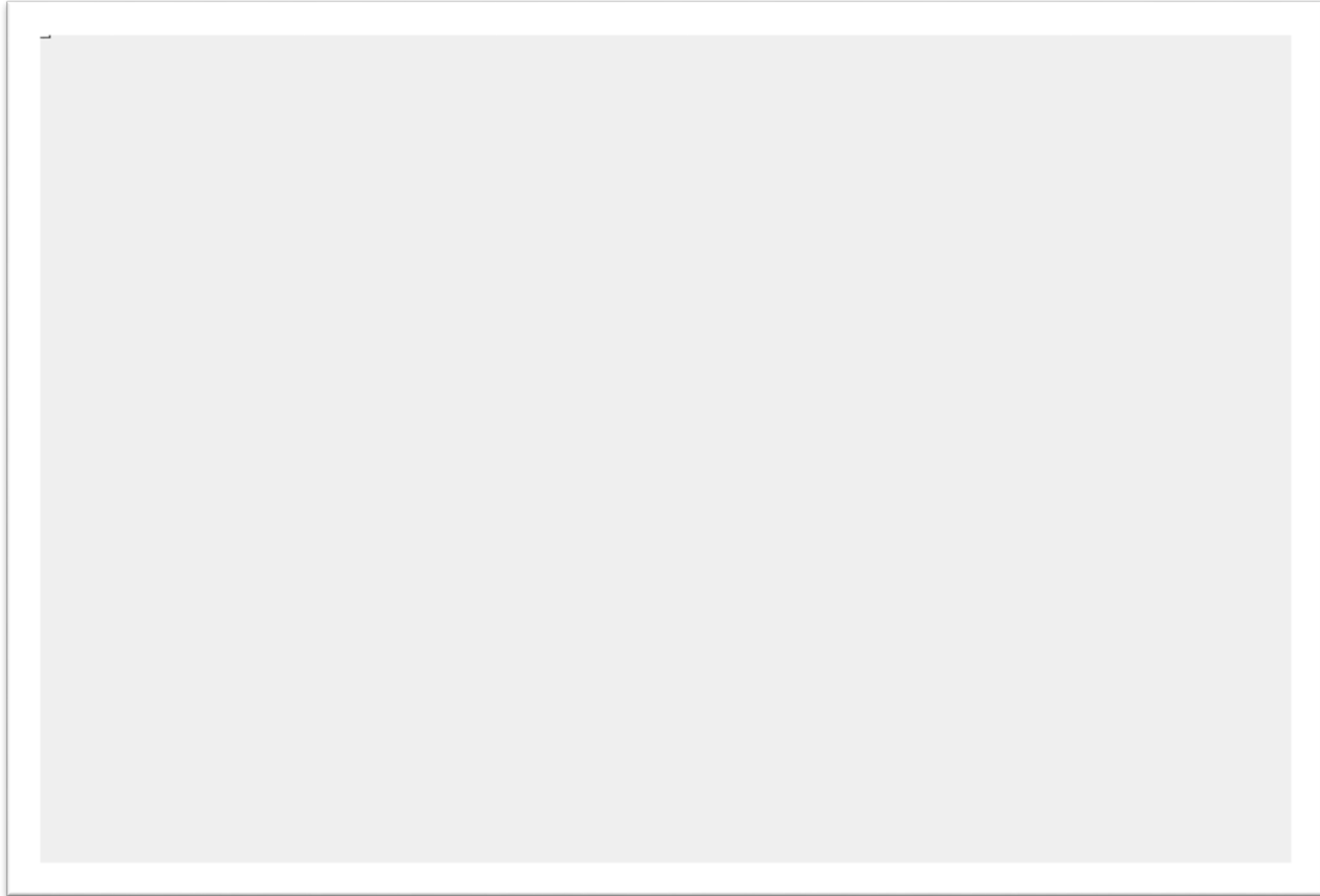
Morrison Energy



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With CFL students,
staff, and faculty
after successfully
testing a novel,
full-scale all GFRP
tractor trailer

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Vivek Hariharan
(M.S. 2009)
Project Manager
Turner Construction

“Dr. Rizkalla had the greatest impact to my graduate education and continues to be a positive influence in my working career with his unique ability to approach each idea/thought with simplicity and clarity. His infectious smile, humility and continuous search of knowledge are values that I revere and I am forever in gratitude for the opportunity to have him as a professor and mentor”



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Amir Ardalan Mosavi
(Ph.D. 2010)
Senior Engineer
Arup

“Dr. Rizkalla has been an inspirational instructor, visionary mentor, and motivating advisor for me who taught me discipline, critical thinking and invaluable life lessons. His remarkable methodical approach to research has resulted in so many innovative achievements. He is an incredibly good cook too.”

Thanks Dr. Rizkalla

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“As an advisor, Dr. Rizkalla measures his success not by what his students have done for his career, but by what he has done for theirs. No matter what else was fighting for his attention, he always made time for his students. It was one of the greatest privileges of my life to be counted among them.”

Dillon Lunn

(M.S. 2009, Ph.D. 2012)

Project Engineer

Tower Engineering Professionals



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Tyler Storm, P.E.
(M.S. 2011)
Project Engineer
Thornton Tomasetti

“Thank you Dr. Rizkalla for giving me the opportunity to perform research with you and for being a wonderful mentor and advisor. I consider my time as your student to be one of the most valuable experiences of my education and career.”

“Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes!”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Loving Father



Dr. Carolyn Deck, D.M.D. & Mrs. Natalie Rizkalla-Kamel, J.D.

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



David Ragan, PE

(M.S. 2011)

Senior Structural Engineer

RK&K

“Dr. Rizkalla expected both technical and professional standards of the highest quality and always respectfully challenged me to live up to them. I have taken that challenge not only into my career, but also into my continued personal growth. For that, I am grateful to have worked with someone with the utmost integrity.”

“Thank you Dr. Rizkalla for the opportunity you gave me and the lasting lessons you taught me. Congratulations on your retirement!”

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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



“I would not be in the position I am today without Dr. Rizkalla. His ability to explain complex theory so that all could comprehend was unparalleled. Not only was he a brilliant educator, he also took great pride in the success of his students.”

Benjamin Mielke

(M.S. 2011)

Structural Engineer

LHC Structural Engineers



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



Dr. Luke Bisby

Professor of Fire & Structures
The University of Edinburgh

"I cannot express how lucky I was to interact with Sami during my formative graduate student years, when I was a young MSc student and Sami was President of ISIS Canada. Here was a man who showed me - by his example - precisely the kind of academic that I wanted to be. Unbridled enthusiasm. Technical excellence. True collaboration. Unwavering ethics. And personified joy in engineering research, education, and application. Sami's example and actions set me up for success. He welcomed me into his world with open arms, and he has unwaveringly supported me in my professional and personal development... now for more than two decades.

Thank you Sami! "

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Family Man



Rizkalla, Deck, and Kamel families

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Brian Mielke

(M.S. 2011)

Structural Engineer

LHC Structural Engineers

“Dr. Rizkalla was instrumental in my development as a structural engineer. He took the time to explain not only the “hows” but the “whys”. He took great pride in the success of his students and it showed in the way he treated them with such kindness. He is a great engineer and even better person.”



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Jonathan Soriano, PE
(M.S. 2012)
Structural Engineer II
Celtic Engineering, Inc. (FL)

“Thank you so much for the knowledge, wisdom, and professional practices you’ve instilled in me. You are a great leader by example, and I’m honored to say that you played a big role in my career development while still putting family first. To this day I tell anyone who asks about higher education that my experience under your mentorship was one of the most rewarding of my life. Thanks again Dr. Rizkalla! I’m engineering roller coasters now!”

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Michael B Forsyth, PE
(M.S. 2013)
Structural Engineer
Kimley-Horn (Raleigh, NC)

“My success in Structural engineering is a direct result of the interest and attention Dr. Rizkalla extended to me and each one of his students. Dr. Rizkalla always set a great example of mentorship, continuous learning, and curiosity. Thank you for everything! I owe it all to you!”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...four academic generations



Dr. Paul Zia
Dr. Sami Rizkalla
Dr. Gregory Lucier
Michael Forsyth

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Mohamed Nafadi
(M.S. 2013, Ph.D. 2016)
Assistant Professor
Assiut University, Egypt

“No enough words can describe my deep indebtedness to you. Thank you for being a father before being an academic advisor. Thank you for all your endless inspiration and unconditional support. Thank you for all the knowledge and valuable experiences you shared and keep sharing with me. Being among your numerous students is always an honor I admire forever. I wish you much happiness, health and prosperity.”

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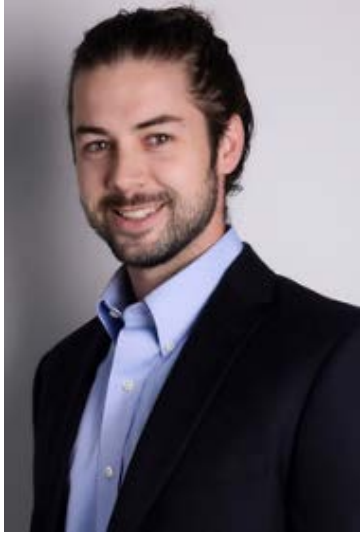


Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Researcher



The consummate teacher explaining behavior of precast spandrel beams

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



“Dr. Rizkalla, congratulations on an exceptional career! I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to work with you. Thank you for guidance, wisdom and friendship.”

Cory High, PE

(M.S. 2014)

Structural Project Engineer

Stewart



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Amir Botros
(Ph.D. 2015)
Assistant Professor
Ain Shams University
Cairo, Egypt.

“I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my dear supervisor Dr. Sami Rizkalla for the knowledge and skills he has given me and continue to give me every day. Your remarkable achievements and contributions to the field of structural engineering will remain unforgettable and inspiring to the next generations to come. You will always be a role model to me.”



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Award Winner



Receiving ASCE's T.Y. Lin Award with student Amir Botros (2014)

ACI Recognitions

Elected Fellow of ACI (1993)

Delmar L. Bloem Award (2004)

Joe W. Kelly Award (2008)

Arthur Boase Award (2010)

Chester Paul Siess Award (2014)

Charles S. Whitney Medal Award (2016)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Lucas Guaderrama, PE
(M.S. 2015)
Project Engineer
Chavez-Grieves Consulting Engineers

“Dr. Rizkalla’s passion and attention to detail in his instruction and research was instrumental in the success of numerous academic research ventures. I am grateful that his contagious drive and outstanding tutelage helped shaped my abilities as a structural engineer. It is of no surprise to me the amount he has accomplished during his career because of these attributes. Well done, Dr. Rizkalla!”

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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Friend & Mentor



With the CFL
Family at the
Annual Picnic
held at the
Rizkalla residence

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MOTHER AND SON



Omar Khalafalla

(M.S. 2015, Ph.D. 2018)

Structures Engineer

Kisinger Campo & Assoc.

Nahla Hassan

(Ph.D. 1995)

Professor

Ain Shams University

We were privileged and honored to have earned our doctoral degrees under your supervision. We believe this is a true living testimony of how impactful your mentorship and devotion are towards your students. It would be an understatement to say that you have created a legacy of knowledge for every eager learner in this profession. Living up to your standards we hope to inspire others, as you have inspired us.

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Diana Artero

(M.S. 2016)

Structural Engineer, El
Stewart Engineering

“The concept behind the formula is what counts”

*Thank you Dr. Rizkalla for your support throughout
the research.*

*It has been a great experience to work under
someone so wise and humble.*



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Friend & Colleague



**Reunion with Former
students and colleagues in
Winnipeg, MB**

(left to right: Emile Shehata,
Brea Williams, Robin
Hutchinson, Ruth Eden, Sami
Rizkalla, Dimos Polyzois)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's colleagues...



“As a new faculty member at the University of Manitoba, Sami was an exceptional role model and mentor. Thank you, Sami! Congratulations on receiving this well-deserved honour.”

Jay Doering, FCSCE, FEC, FCAE
AVP (Partnerships), Professor, & Dean Emeritus
University of Manitoba



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Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Hamid Kazem

(Ph.D. 2016)

Bridge Engineer

Kleinfelder, San Diego, CA

*“Dr. Rizkalla,
I never forget, the very first day we met each other
you expressed your goal is teaching me how to be
distinguished like you. You are always my role model
and I thank you for anything you did for me.
God Bless You and Your Family”*



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Prof. Sami Rizkalla...Loving Father



Dr. Carolyn Deck (DMD) & Mrs. Natalie Rizkalla-Kamel (JD)

Messages from Prof. Rizkalla's students...



Natalie Rizkalla-Kamel

(B.Sc. 1998)

Partner

Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP

“Thank-you for being my lifetime mentor as my dad and undergraduate professor. Although I changed my career path, you have always shown me to strive to be passionate about my work – success will follow. It was and always will be an honor to be the daughter of Dr. Rizkalla.”



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