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Education

B.S. Civil Engineering, Alexandria University, Egypt (2014)

Total Graduation Grade "Very Good", 78.92%

Thesis: Flash Floods Risks in Watier Valley, South Sinai, Egypt

M.S. Irrigation Engineering and Hydraulics, Alexandria University, Egypt (2017)

CGPA (3.5/4.0)

<u>Thesis</u>: Controlling Sedimentation problems at Damietta Harbor Navigation Channel Using Numerical Modelling (DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.12434.12487)

PhD pre-courses Irrigation Engineering and Hydraulics, Alexandria University, Egypt (2019)

CGPA (3.7/4.0)

PhD (Current) River-Coastal Science & Engineering, Tulane University (2023)

GPA (3.834)

<u>Thesis</u>: Development and Applications of Morphodynamic Model to Study Deltaic and Coastal Ecosystems

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Khalifa, A. M.; (2017). Controlling sedimentation problems at Damietta Harbor navigation channel using numerical modeling. Alexandria University, Egypt. https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.12434.12487

- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Soliman, M. R., Yassin, A. A.; (2017). Assessment of a combination between hard structures and sand nourishment eastern of Damietta harbor using numerical modeling. Alexandria Engineering Journal, 56(4), 545–555. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aej.2017.04.009
- Meselhe, E., **Khalifa, A. M.**, Hu, K., Lewis, J., Tavakoly, A. A.; (2022). Influence of key environmental drivers on the performance of sediment diversions. Water (Switzerland), 14(1). https://doi.org/10.3390/w14010024

Articles Submitted and in Preparation

- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Day, J. W., Allison, M.; The Great Mississippi River Flood of 1927: Morphodynamic Analysis of The Caernarvon Crevasse Event. (in review by Communications-Earth and Environment Journal).
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Reed, D. J., Rhode, R., Snider, N. P.; Optimization of The Proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Operation Strategies to Maximize Land-Building Potential and Minimize Negative Ecological Impacts. (in preparation for Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface).
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Reed, D. J., Beg, M. N. A.; Development and Application of A Simplified Biophysical Model to Study Deltaic and Coastal Ecosystems. (in preparation for Environmental Modelling & Software Journal).

Conference Proceedings and Presentations

Peer-reviewed proceedings with presentations:

- El-Tahan, M. K., **Khalifa, A. M.**, Moghazy, H. M., Kher El Din, K.; (2019). Environmental Impact of Egyptian Anthropogenic Coastal Mega Structures in Eastern Nile Delta-Case Study (El-Mansoura New City). In 38th IAHR World Congress "Water: Connecting the World" (Vol. 38, pp. 2251–2260). Panama City, Panama. https://doi.org/10.3850/38wc092019-0790
- Khalifa, A. M., El-Tahan, M. K., Moghazy, H. M., Kher El-Din, K.; (2020). ASSESSMENT of MORPHODYNAMICS and WATER QUALITY of AL MANSOURA NEW MEDITERRANEAN SEA ISLAND, In The 9th International Maritime and Logistics Conference, (Marlog 9). (pp. 1–19). Alexandria, Egypt.
- El Sayed, W. R., **Khalifa, A. M.**; (2017). NILE Delta shoreline protection between past and future. In Twentieth International Water Technology Conference, (IWTC20). (pp. 18–20). Hurghada, Egypt.

Conference presentations and posters:

- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Soliman, M. R., Yassin, A. A.; (2017). Investigation of Using Coastal Sediment Trap to Reduce Navigation Channel Siltation. In RETBE 17. Alexandria, Egypt.
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K.; (2021). Morphodynamic Analysis of Proposed Mississippi River Sediment Diversions (Poster). In Young Coastal Scientists and Engineers Conference Americas, (YCSECA). Myrtle Beach, SC, USA.
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Day, J. W., Allison, M.; (2022). Morphodynamic Analysis of the 1927 Caernarvon Crevasse Event. In Environmental & Water Resources Institute | ASCE (EWRI). Atlanta, GA, USA.
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Day, J. W., Allison, M.; (2022). Morphodynamic Analysis of the 1927 Caernarvon Crevasse Event (Poster). In Young Coastal Scientists and Engineers Conference Americas, (YCSECA). Pensacola, FL, USA.

- Meselhe, E. A., **Khalifa, A. M.**, Hu, K., Day, J. W., Allison, M.; (2023). The Great Flood of 1927: Comparative Analysis of Historical and Current Sediment Trends. In The State of The Coast. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- **Khalifa, A. M.**, Meselhe, E. A., Hu, K., Reed, D. J., Beg, M. N. A., Rhode, R., Snider, N. P.; (2023). Development and Application of a Simplified Biophysical Model to Evaluate the Effects of Sediment Diversion Operations. In The State of The Coast. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- Meselhe, E. A., **Khalifa, A. M.**, Hu, K., Day, J. W., Allison, M.; (2023). The Great Flood of 1927: Comparative Analysis of Historical and Current Sediment Trends (Poster). In Third Lower MS River Science Symposium. New Orleans, LA, USA.

Academic Honors and Awards

- <u>Prime Minister Award for Excellence</u>: Trophy of excellence awarded by the Prime Minister for the best Irrigation and hydraulics engineering project in Egypt. (2014)
- <u>Undergraduate Excellence</u>: Annual certificate of appreciation from the Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University. (2011/2012 2012/2013 2013/2014)
- <u>Undergraduate Appreciation</u>: Certificate of appreciation awarded by the Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, Alexandria University for the best graduation project of the 2014 batch. (2014)

Experience

Professional experience:

August 2014 to August 2015 – 2 years:

Teaching assistant in the Irrigation Engineering and Hydraulics Department, Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University:

- Hydraulics II (Open Channels Hydraulics, Dimensional Analysis Modeling). (2014)
- Hydraulics Laboratory Instructor. (2014)
- Design of Irrigation Structures I (Crossing structures Weirs Spillways). (2014)
- Water Resources Engineering (Descriptive & Quantitative Hydrology Ground Water Reservoirs – Flood Damage Mitigation). (2015)
- Design of Irrigation Structures II (Dams Regulators Navigable Locks). (2015)

January 2015 to January 2018 – 3 years:

Research Assistant, Coastal Research Institute (CoRI), National Water Research Center (NWRC), Alexandria, Egypt

January 2018 to January 2020 – 2 years:

Assistant Researcher, Coastal Research Institute (CoRI), National Water Research Center (NWRC), Alexandria, Egypt

January 2019 to January 2020 – 1 year:

Intern (Coastal Engineer – part time), Civil, Marine, and Coastal (CMC) Engineering Office, Alexandria, Egypt

January 2020 to Present:

Research Assistant (PhD Student), River-Coastal Science & Engineering Department, School of Science and Engineering, Tulane University.

Training received

- Attended a 3 days "Climate Change Adaptation for water, food and environment security" held as a cooperation between CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari and Regional Training Sector for Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt, Cairo, Egypt. 13 to 15 June 2015.
- Attended two 4 days "Numerical Modeling in Coastal Engineering" & "Basics of Coastal Engineering" held by GEF project in National Water Research Center (NWRC), Cairo, Egypt. 26 to 30 July 2015 and 9 to 13 August 2015.
- Attended two four days "Delft3D FLOW-WAVE-SED-MOR-WAQ courses & on the job training" held by Deltares in National Water Research Center (NWRC), Cairo, Egypt. 10 to14 May and 16 to 20 August 2015.
- Attended a 3 days "Integrate Coastal Zone Management course and workshop" held by IH-Cantabria in National Water Research Center (NWRC), Cairo, Egypt. 19 to 22 December 2017.
- Attended a 2 days "Delft3D FM Coastal Hydrodynamic Modelling Course" held by Deltares (online). 16 to 17 June 2021.

Technical skills

Hydrodynamic and morphodynamic modeling packages for river and coast: Delft 3D, Delft-FM, XBEACH, HEC-RAS, MIKE21FM, LITPACK

Programming language: MATLAB, R, Python, Fortran

Office tools: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop

Operating systems: Windows, Linux (Ubuntu)

GIS and remote sensing: ARCGIS 10.1, ARC Pro, Global Mapper

Drawing tools: Surfer, AutoCAD

Membership and affiliations

Member of the Egyptian Syndicate of Engineers, Egypt – certified engineer – active August 2014.

Member of the National Water Research Center, Egypt – assistant researcher – active January 2015.

Languages

Arabic – Native language

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with score (6.5).

Research Profiles

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=QgXUNFcAAAAJ

Research Gate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ahmed-Khalifa-41

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/ahmed-khalifa-387910b4/

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References

Dr. Ehab A. Meselhe, Nicolas Altiero Distinguished Professor

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Dr. Denise J. Reed, Professor of Research GRATIS

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Dr. Mead Allison, Professor, and chair

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Dr. Kelin Hu, Research Assistant Professor

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Dr. Hossam Moghazy, Former Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Professor, and Head

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