“Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one.”

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"Microglia Response to Fatty Acid Binding Protein-UCP2 Axis in Facilitating Neuroinflammation"
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"Exploring the Construct Validity of Letters of Recommendation in Graduate Admissions: The Hidden "Unknowns" Within"
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"Effects of Yoga on Blood Pressure, Stress and Physical Activity in Overweight, African-American Women"
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"American Sign Language: Monitoring Student Progress"
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"Achieving Goals: Role of Support and Structure for Latina/o Student Post-High School Goals"
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"A Mixed Methods Assessment of Family Influence on Weight-Related Behaviors among African-Americans"
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"These are hard questions: An Investigation of 6th Graders' Developmental Abilities to Answer Survey Items"
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"Breaking Barriers in Ghana: Impact of Reproductive Health Curriculum and Cultural Activity Sessions on Adolescent Girls"
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"Rethinking Cultural Competence"
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"Medical-Legal Advocacy Screening Questionnaire: Evaluating Efficacy"
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"Characterizing Indel Mutations in Arabidopsis thaliana as a Model for Compensatory Evolution"
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"Research Centers Struggling to Communicate: Social Media as a New Pathway"
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"Beneficial Effects of Selenium on the Human Gut Microbiome"
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"Do They Think Alike? Immigrant First-Generation Students’ Decision and Parents’ Preferences for College Major and Career"
Mentors: Cathy Solheim, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science & Veronica Deenanath, Department of Family Social Science

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"Livelihood Complexities in Kenya from the Perspectives on Youth Orphans"
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"A RADical Departure? The Redevelopment of Glendale Townhomes"
Mentor: Ryan P. Allen, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

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"Evaluation of a New Test to measure Soil Health"
Mentor: Carl Rosen, Ph.D., Department of Soil, Water and Climate
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"Hydrothermal Synthesis of the Spinel Compound CuCo2S4"
Mentor: R. Lee Penn, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry

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"Measurement Matters: Effects of Measurement Error on One-Sample t-Tests"
Mentor: David Weiss, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

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Major: Mechanical Engineering
"Experimental Determination of Poisson’s Ratio for Asphalt Binder"
Mentors: Mihai Marasteanu, Ph.D. & Joa Liang Le, Ph.D., Department of Civil Engineering

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"Closing the Research Circle: Giving Back Results to the Community"
Mentor: Jean L. Forster, Ph.D., Department of Epidemiology

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Major: Child Psychology
"Family Reminiscence Across Generations"
Mentor: Steve Yussen, Ph.D., Institute of Child Development

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Major: African American & African Studies
"W. Gertrude Brown: A Case of Black Women’s Activism in Minnesota, 1920-1940"
Mentor: Yuichiro Onishi, Ph.D., Department of African American Studies

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"One Fungus, many hosts? Symbiosis between Daldinia loculata and its many plant hosts"
Mentor: Georgiana May, Ph.D., Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior

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"The Production Black Ph.Ds. in Economics at Harvard University, 1905-1955"
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"Geminivirus Delivery of CRISPR/Cas9 for Plant Genomre Engineering"
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"School choice: Factors Influencing Somali Immigrant Parents’ Choices for their Children"
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"Acculturative Stress, Self-esteem, and Emotional Well-being among Latina Adolescents"
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"Neural Mechanisms of Drug Abuse in Females"
Mentors: Paul Mermelstein, Ph.D. & Luis Martinez, Ph.D., Department of Neuroscience

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Major: Family Social Science & Communication Studies
"Mobile Health Technologies: A Critical Review of Literature"
Tai Mendenhall, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science

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Major: Horticulture
"The Role of Reactive Oxygen Species following Ultraviolet-B Irradiation"
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Major: Biology, Society & Environment
"Evaluation of Patient Oriented Drug to Drug Interactions Information Systems"
Mentor: Terrance Adam, Ph.D., Department of Pharmaceutical Care and Health

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Major: Family Social Science
"Exposure to Incarceration -Related Events in a Sample of Children with Jailed Parents"
Mentor: Rebecca Schlafer, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics

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Major: Individualized Studies
"Lao Initiative for Eating Healthy: Making the Connections between Sodium Intake and Hypertension in the Lao Community"
Mentor: Cathy Solheim, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science
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Major: Child Psychology
“Parenting Education and Support for Imprisoned Mothers”
Mentor: Rebecca Shlafer, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics

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“Laboratory for Justice: A Contextual Analysis of Legal Experimentation and Pedagogy at Howard University Law School, 1929-1954”
Mentor: Robert Poch, Ph.D., Department of Postsecondary Teaching and Learning

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“Evidence for Heat-Treatment of Stone Tools: Magnetic Mineralogy of Heated Chert”
Mentor: Joshua Feinberg, Ph.D., Department of Earth Sciences

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“The Maternal Experiences of HIV-Positive Women”
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Major: Family Social Science
“If I Get Them, How Will I Financially Support Them: Challenges for Kinship Caregivers”
Mentor: Priscilla Gibson, Ph.D., School of Social Work

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“Underrepresentation of Ethnic Minority Groups in Advance Counseling and Psychology”
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

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“Yield and Preference of Annual Grasses Under Horse Grazing”
Mentor: Krishna Martinson, Ph.D., Department of Animal Sciences

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Major: Chemistry
“Considering a Bacterial Model for Ecological Nanoparticle Toxicity”
Mentor: Christy Haynes, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry

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“Time Dependence of the Magnetic After Effect in Co/Pd Multilayer Thin Films”
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“¡Encuentro! Teen-Parent Pilot Study- Recruitment & Retention”
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Major: Biochemistry
“Molecular Analysis of Centrosome in Mammalian Cells: Cep 15”
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“Essential Fine Motor Skills of Clinical Laboratory Science Professionals”
Mentor: Peggy M. Martin, Ph.D., Occupational Therapy

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“Scandal: Checks, Constituents, and Consequences”
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Major: Business Marketing Education/Human Resource Development
“But He Loves Me: Teens’ Perspective on Unhealthy vs. Healthy Relationships”
Mentor: Sonya S. Brady, Ph.D., School of Public Health

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Major: Biology
“Antiviral Properties of Natural Extracts Against Feline Calici Virus, a Surrogate to Norovirus”
Mentor: Sagar M. Goyal, Ph.D., Department of Veterinary Population Medicine

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Major: Chemical Engineering/Chemistry/Mathematics
“Synthesis and Optimization of Isopropyl Xanthic Anhydride: Reactions of Potassium Isopropyl Xanthate with Ethyl Chloroformate”
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“Understanding the Role of Bone Morphogenic Proteins in MAPK Phosphatase-1 (MKP-1) Regulation During Osteoclastogenesis”
Mentor: Kim Mansky, Ph.D., Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences

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“Weaponized Art: Shining Path and Their Influences on Independent Peruvian Theater”
Mentor: Luis A. Ramos-García, Ph.D., Spanish and Portuguese Studies

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“Financial Strength and Challenges in Refugee Families”
Mentor: Catherine Solheim, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science

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“Validity of the Peg Tapping Measure of Executive Function in Early Childhood for Hmong Children”
Mentor: Ann S. Masten, Ph.D., Institute of Child Development
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Major: Kinesiology  
Invisible Pioneers: Exploring the Experiences of African American Female Athletes - A Digital Story  
Mentor: Jennifer A. Bhalla, Ph.D., School of Kinesiology

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Major: Spanish & Portuguese Studies  
“Race” in Portuguese: Representations of Race in Brazilian Literature  
Mentor: Ana Paula Ferreira, Ph.D., Spanish & Portuguese Studies

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Major: Neuroscience  
Energy Disorder & Obesity: Saturated Fatty Acid Induced Hypothalamic Neurodegeneration  
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New Strategies to Treat Prescription Opioid Abuse  
Mentor: Marco Pravetoni, Ph.D., Dept. of Medicine

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Perceptions of Healthy Partner and Relationship Characteristics among Adolescents  
Mentor: Dr. Sonya Brady, Ph.D., School of Public Health

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Potential Exposure to PFCs in the Hmong Community in the East Metro  
Mentor: Matt Simcik, Ph.D., Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health

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Social Sustainability: Linking Affordable Housing Design and Resident Health  
Mentor: Billy Weber, Ph.D., School of Architecture

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Youth Work as a Contested Terrain: Perspectives from Youth Workers in African American Communities - Pilot Study  
Mentor: Ross VeLure Roholt, Ph.D., Youth Studies

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Major: Psychology  
Implicit Bias and the Cross-Race Effect  
Mentor: Eugene Borgida, Ph.D., Psychology and Law

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Major: Sociology/Child Psychology  
Coming of Age: A Look at 2nd Generation and US-Born Young Adults View of their Families  
Mentor: Teresa Swartz, Ph.D., Sociology and Asian American Studies

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Intergenerational Transmission of Hopelessness in Hmong American Families  
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Association of Parent Vagal Tone to Emotion Regulation During Military Reintegration: Possible Gender Differences  
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Major: Political Science  
The Deterrent Effect of Reverse Discrimination Litigation in Public Procurement and Contracting  
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Ph.D., Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice

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Do Proximal Reasons for Homelessness Predict Observed Parenting in Shelters  
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Major: Psychology  
The Assessment of Ethical Behavior at Work  
Mentor: John Campbell, Ph.D., Dept. of Psychology

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Global Waste Trade: Informal Economic Practices of Southeast Asia  
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Culturally Relevant Pedagogy  
Mentor: Katie Johnston-Goodstar, Ph.D., Youth Studies

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Competencies for Leaders in Education Versus other Industry Groups: Is Teresa Sullivan Right?  
Mentor: Louis N. Quast, Ph.D., Dept. of Organizational, Leadership, Policy, and Development

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Family Communications Project: Comparing Child Behavior Outcomes in Same-Sex ART Families and Heterosexual ART  
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Experiences of Hmong Youth Workers: A Pilot Study to Understand Culturally Appropriate Practice  
Mentor: Michael Baizerman, Ph.D., Youth Studies
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The Experiences of Somali Meatpackers, the Case of Willmar, Minnesota
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Association between Early Adversity and the Timing of the Transition to Parenthood
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Gender Bias in Arbitration Decision-Making
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Racial Disparities in Drowning
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Beyond the First Year: The First Generation College Experience
Mentor: Rashné Jehangir, Ph.D. Postsecondary Teaching and Learning

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Minnesota Exits and Entries Project: Spatial Analysis of Reentry
Mentor: Chris Uggen, Ph.D., Sociology

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Body Composition and Weight Changes in a 15 Week Marathon Training Program
Mentor: Stacy Ingraham, Ph.D., Kinesiology

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Art and Social Justice Programs: Developing Young People
Mentor: Ross Velure Roholt, Ph.D., School of Social Work

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Go Back to Where You Came From:” Blatant Foreigner Discrimination
Mentor: Richard M. Lee, Ph.D., Psychology

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¡Encuentro! A Healthy Youth Development Project: Perspectives of Local Latino Youth
Mentor: Renee Sieving, Ph.D., School of Nursing

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Entertainment: Can Reality Television Prevent Teenage Pregnancy
Mentor: Laurie Ouellette, Ph.D., Communication Studies

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Major: Psychology
Distressing Event Nomination: Trauma in the Lives of College Students
Mentor: Patricia Frazier, Ph.D., Psychology

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Major: Pharmacology
Mapping Nutrients Crucial to a Growing Population
Mentor: John Foley, Ph.D., Institute on the Environment

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Policy Effectiveness in Addressing Girls’ Inequality in Africa
Mentor: Elizabeth Boyle, Ph.D., Sociology

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Media Arts: Sociopolitical Development of Urban Youth of Color
Mentor: Katie Johnston-Goodstar, Ph.D., School of Social Work

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Global City Making in Cairo: Roots and Routes of a New Urban Politics
Mentor: Michael Goldman, Ph.D., Sociology

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Major: Public Health/Psychology
Ethnic Identity: Narrative Differences of African Americans, Africans, and Mixed Emerging Adults
Mentor: Moin Syed, Ph.D., Psychology

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The Sport Experiences of African American Women Growing Up Pre-Title IX
Mentor: Jennifer Bhalla, Ph.D., Kinesiology
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An Interactive Website to Reduce HIV/AIDS Risk Behavior Among Adolescents
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The Missing Link of Environmental Justice: When Deprivation is Ignored
Mentor: David Pellow, Ph.D., Sociology

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Major: Elementary Education Foundations
Evaluating Environmental Concepts in Student Drawing and Understanding Systematic Experimentation Behavior Using Technology
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Hmong Pre-adolescents’ Perceptions of Their Family Environment: A Consensual Qualitative Analysis of Family Photos
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The Effects of Incarceration on Health
Mentor: Chris Uggen, Ph.D., Sociology

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Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park Foreign Born: Differing Reception Based on Nationality
Mentor: Lisa Park, Ph.D., Sociology

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Major: Sociology
Graduation: From Child Abuse to Serial Killers
Mentor: Carolyn Liebler, Ph.D., Sociology

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Increasing Physical Activity in East African Adolescent Women
Mentor: Nicole LaVoi, Ph.D., Kinesiology/Tucker Center

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Major: Journalism and Political Science
Minnesota’s New Immigrants: A Content Analysis of The Minneapolis Star Tribune’s Coverage of The Minnesota Somali Community
Mentor: Catherine Squires, Ph.D., School of Journalism and Mass Communication

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Major: Theatre Arts
Body, Sound and the Embodiment of Fear: Indonesian Immigrants in the United States
Mentor: R.Diyah Larasati, Ph.D., Theatre Arts and Dance

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Minnesota Health Care Coordination Study for Individuals with Physical Disabilities
Mentor: Brian Abery, Ph.D., Educational Psychology

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Asthma Concerns: A Comparison of Somali Mothers and Fathers with Affected Preschoolers
Mentor: Ann Garwick, Ph.D., School of Nursing

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Corrupting Africa: International Organizations and the Making of “the Problem” of Corruption in Africa
Mentor: Raymond DuVall, Ph.D., Political Science

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An Outcome Evaluation of the Effects of a Parent Education Program for Lao Parents and Grandparents
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African American Children’s Mental Health Issues: Are They Being Properly Addressed?
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Major: Child Psychology, African American Studies
Gender Differences in the School Success of Young Homeless Children
Mentor: Ann Masten, Ph.D., Institute of Child Development

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Sitios De Memoria: Guanajuato in the Shadow of the Bicentenario and Centenario
Mentor: Patrick McNamara, Ph.D., History

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Major: Family Social Science
Parent Communication and its Association to Positive Latino Youth School Outcomes
Mentor: Michael Rodriguez, Ph.D., Educational Psychology

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Encuentro: A Healthy Youth Development Project Formative Research - Latino Parent Perspectives
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Parental School Choices in the Hmong Community
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Managerial Behaviors Associated with Managerial Development
Mentor: Louis Quast, Ph.D., Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development
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Not All Sport Parents are "Out of Control": The Happy Side of Youth Sports
Mentor: Nicole LaVoi, Ph.D., Kinesiology/Tucker Center

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Kinship Care in Times of Hurricanes: New Orleans Experience
Mentor: Priscilla Gibson, Ph.D, School of Social Work

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I Really Wish that I Could Relate Better: Evaluating Student Responses to In-Class Materials
Mentor: Catherine Squires, Ph.D., School of Journalism

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Understanding Career Development in College Students
Mentor: Tabitha Grier-Reed, Ph.D., Postsecondary Teaching and Learning

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Ablation of Voltage-Operated Ca2+ Channel β-Subunits Reduces Praziquantel Efficacy in the Planarian Dugesia japonica
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On The Border of Mexico's 1910 Centennial
Mentor: Patrick McNamara, Ph.D., History

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Hidden Homelessness: Refugees and Unstable Housing in the Twin Cities
Mentor: Dave Hollister, Ph.D., School of Social Work

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Major: Family Social Science
Using Remittances to Adapt to Economic Crisis: The Case of Mexican Transnational Families
Mentor: Catherine Solheim, Ph.D., Family Social Science

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Major: History
Obtaining a Job with a Criminal Record: The Importance of Personal Contact
Mentor: Christopher Uggen, Ph.D., Sociology

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U.S. Civil Rights and African Freedom: An Intertwined Struggle of Brothers from the Past
Mentor: Keith Mayes, Ph.D., African American Studies

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The Connection Between Attachment Styles and Family Communication Patterns
Mentor: Susanne Jones, Ph.D., Communication Studies

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The Effects of Educational Attainment on Job Satisfaction
Mentor: Eric Grodsky, Ph.D., Sociology

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Tick-Mammal Interface of Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis
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The Meaning of Interventions to End Female Genital Cutting
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Mental Health Disparities Among Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System
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Sibling Interaction and Behavior Study
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Peer Competence as a Predictive Factor to the Sociodemographic Risks for Homeless Children
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Ethiopia's Political Economy and Contemporary Environmental Problems
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Male and Female Circumcision: A Global Analysis of the Medical Research
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State of African American Literature: Contemporary Authors and Publications
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Criminal Record Questions on Employment Applications
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Expression of the MBP Gene in virally infected E16 Mice
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Building Theory, Interrogating Knowledge: An Analysis of Intersectionality
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Masculinities in Transition: The Effects of Masculinity on the Transition from a Corrections Facility
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White Ball/Black Hope: Race and Sports
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Work, Family, and Social Support: Examining the Role of Church-based Support
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