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Dissertation Title: Faculty Perceptions of Factors That Influence the Incorporation of Service-Learning Experiences into Online Courses. Under the direction of Dr. James Bartlett and Dr. Michelle Bartlett.

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Dissertation Title: Factors Influencing Dual Enrollment Students’ Participation and Non-Matriculation in Community College Career and Technical Education Pathways: A Narrative Inquiry. Under the direction of Dr. James Bartlett.

James Daniel Hogan
Community College Leadership
Dissertation Title: Early Effects of the N.C. Promise Program on Community College Transfer Students at Western Carolina University. Under the direction of Dr. James Bartlett.

Christopher Yancey Pearce
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Dissertation Title: The Technology Hurdle: Understanding Digital Inclusion through the Lens of Community College Students in a Laptop Loaner Program. Under the direction of Dr. James Bartlett.

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Dissertation Title: The Effect of Delivery Method on Student Success in General Chemistry Courses in Community College. Under the direction of Dr. Michelle Bartlett.

Monica Ann Clark
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Dissertation Title: Developing and Articulating a Presidential Vision for Student Success at Four Community Colleges. Under the direction of Dr. Audrey Jaeger.

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Dissertation Title: A Phenomenological Study of Consistency between Objective and Subjective Measures of Teacher Performance. Under the direction of Dr. Lance Fusarelli and Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: Educator Perceptions of Virtual Reality Bias Identification Training and Bystander Intervention Techniques. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: The Influence of the Three E’s (Efficacy, Evaluation and Effectiveness) on Urban Elementary Schools in North Carolina. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: Moving On: A Qualitative Analysis of Teacher Attrition in Northeastern North Carolina. Under the direction of Dr. Bonnie Fusarelli and Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: Culturally Relevant Teaching in Diverse Communities and the Impact on Discipline Outcomes. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward.

Eric Michael Rosen
Educational Administration and Supervision
Dissertation Title: Examining Student and Teacher Perceptions of Student Engagement After the COVID-19 Pandemic. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward.

Kimberly Rosetta Scott-Brimley
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Dissertation Title: Gender Disparities in Reading Achievement in Grades 3-5: A Study of Educator Perceptions Regarding Causation. Under the direction of Dr. Bonnie Fusarelli and Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: Examining Parent Engagement in Dual Language Schools. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Ward.

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Dissertation Title: Bad Teacher: The Impact of Negative Media on Today’s Educators. Under the direction of Dr. Lance Fusarelli and Dr. Michael Ward.

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, POLICY, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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Adult and Lifelong Education
Dissertation Title: Educator Identity Formation of the Clinical Instructor in Physical Therapy: A Qualitative Exploration. Under the direction of Dr. Susan Barcinas.

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Dissertation Title: Creating an Ensemble: The Influence of a Musical Background on Leadership Among Senior Leaders in Higher Education. Under the direction of Dr. Audrey Jaeger.

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Community College and Career Education
Dissertation Title: Adult Learning Principles and Design Elements and Their Relationship with Learner Satisfaction: Validation of the Andragogy in Practice Inventory (API) in the eLearning Context. Under the direction of Dr. Carrol Warren.

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Dissertation Title: The Other Side of Motherhood: An Analysis of Postpartum Depression with Black Mothers Through the Lens of Black Feminist Thought. Under the direction of Dr. Brean’a Parker.

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Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis
Dissertation Title: The Effect of Student Teacher Ethnoracial Matching for Students with Disabilities on Academic Outcomes. Under the direction of Dr. Tamara Young.

Mario Marvin Jackson
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Dissertation Title: Preparing Principals to Lead for Equity: A Three-Paper Dissertation Examining the Intersection of Principal Preparation and Equity-Oriented School Leadership. Under the direction of Dr. Bonnie Fusarelli and Dr. Lisa Bass.

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Dissertation Title: Speaking Up and Speaking Out: The Importance of Faculty Sense Making and Voice in Presidential Search Processes. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Umbach.

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Dissertation Title: Women’s Experiences in Associate in Engineering Degree Programs in North Carolina Community Colleges: A Case Study Exploration. Under the direction of Dr. Alyssa Rockenbach.

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Dissertation Title: An Unbounded Existence: A Visual and Quared Exploration of Black Queer and Trans’ College Student Well-Being and Joy. Under the direction of Dr. Joy Gaston Gayles.

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

LEARNING AND TEACHING IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

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Science Education
Dissertation Title: How Do Science Museum Exhibits Contribute to Perceptions of Inclusion and Belonging. Under the direction of Dr. K.C. Busch.

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Science Education
Dissertation Title: Exploring Drivers of Collective-level Learning and Action: A Case Study of an Environmental Movement in India. Under the direction of Dr. K.C. Busch.

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Science Education
Dissertation Title: Examining the Relationship between Autonomy and Sense of Belonging among Aspiring Healthcare Providers in Undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology Courses. Under the direction of Dr. Soonhye Park.

TEACHER EDUCATION AND LEARNING SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

TEACHER EDUCATION AND LEARNING SCIENCES

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Educational Psychology
Dissertation Title: Leadership, Equity, Advocacy and Design: A Model for Activating Institutional Belonging for Black and Latina/o/x Urban Youth. Under the direction of Dr. DeLeon Gray.

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Literacy and English Language Arts Education
Dissertation Title: From Pen to Practice: Empowering First-Year English Teachers through Critical Literacy. Under the direction of Dr. Crystal Chen Lee.

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Dissertation Title: The Influence of Principals’ Emotional Intelligence on Teachers’ Self-efficacy, Job Satisfaction, and Commitment: An Explanatory-Sequential Mixed Methods Study. Under the direction of Dr. Margareta Thomson.

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Social Studies Education
Dissertation Title: Teaching About Dissent: A Qualitative Study Using Photo Elicitation to Explore Teachers’ Understanding and Value of Political Activism. Under the direction of Dr. Paula McAvoy.

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Elementary Education in Mathematics and Science
Dissertation Title: “I Love to Do Everything Outside”: A Phenomenological Study of Young Children Sharing Experiences in Their Own Outdoor Spaces. Under the direction of Dr. Sarah Carrier.

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