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“Analyzing Relationship Among Management Product Mix and Product Route and Profitability Using a Reverse Logistics Approach” Advisor: Dr. Dharam Rana  

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Clinical Psychology  
Kathy Crockett  
“Assessment of Stigma and Social Behaviors Among African American College Students Towards Individuals With HIV” Advisor: Dr. Melvin Davis  

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“Validating the Influence of Social and Contextual Factors on Women’s HIV Sexual Risks and Enhancing Outcome Prevention Interventions” Advisor: Dr. John Askew  

Educational Administration  
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“Evidence of Instructional Program Coherence in Selected Mississippi Reading First Schools” Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
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Social Work

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