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Dissertation: “Verdi and His Dramatic Basses: A Study of Verdi’s Evolution for Bass Voice”
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Dissertation: “Effective Data Collection Modalities Utilized in Monitoring the Effects of the Good Behavior Game: Technology-Based Data Collection Versus Hand Collected Data”
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Dissertation: “Student Centered Homogeneous Ability Grouping: Using Bronfenbrenner’s Theory of Human Development to Investigate the Ecological Factors Contributing to the Academic Achievement of High School Students in Mathematics”
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Dissertation: “An Investigation of Teachers’ Perceptions of Factors that Influence the Implementation of the READ 180 Program”
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Dissertation: “Wikis as Communities of Practice: A Case Study in Higher Education”
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Dissertation: “When I Move, You Move: Coordination in Conversation”
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Dissertation: “The Effect of Perceived Salesperson Transparency, as Enabled by Technology, on Unethical Salesperson Behavior”
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Dissertation: “Uncovering the Hidden Cognitive Processes and Underlying Dynamics of Deception”
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Dissertation: “There’s More to It Than Just not Showing Up: Attitudes Toward Help-Seeking and African American Men”
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Dissertation: “Examining the Moderating Effects of Race and Gender on the Relationship Between Aggressive Personality Traits and Substance Use in Federal Offenders”
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Dissertation: “Material Weaknesses in Internal Control over Compliance for Federal Grants to U.S. Counties”
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Dissertation: “The Predictive Utility of Mindfulness, Experiential Avoidance, and Values-Based Action for Well-Being in College Students”
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Dissertation: “Impact of Service Characteristics on Rational and Emotional Components of Information Systems Service Evaluations”
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Dissertation: “Application of Post-Column Reaction to Speciate Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products”
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Dissertation: “Cistronic Stop Signal Ratio Suggests Multiple Waves of Human Migrations in and out of Africa”
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