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Hazim Abdullah-Smith, Ph.D.
Department of American Studies
Dissertation Title: “Paradise Remixed: The Queer Politics of Tourism in Jamaica”
Dissertation Advisor: Nancy Mirabal

Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering
Alexander Levine, Ph.D.
Department of Computer Science
Dissertation Title: "Scalable Methods for Robust Machine Learning"
Dissertation Advisor: Ramani Duraiswami

Biological and Life Sciences
Renee Chou, Ph.D.
Biological Sciences Program
Dissertation Title: "Application of Advanced Machine Learning Strategies for Biomedical Research"
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Department of Mechanical Engineering
Dissertation Title: "Simulation of polymeric drop dynamics: Effect of photopolymerization, impact velocity, and multi-material coalescence"
Dissertation Advisor: Siddhartha Das

Biological and Life Sciences
Micaela Everitt, Ph.D.
Fischell Department of Bioengineering
Dissertation Title: "Simplifying assay chemistry via complex sample preparation integration for point-of-care diagnostics"
Dissertation Advisor: Ian White

Social Sciences
Hyunsun Park, Ph.D.
Business and Management Program
Dissertation Title: “Model Citizen or Squeaky Wheel? How Employees of Lower Social Class Origins Face Ambivalent Reactions at Work”
Dissertation Advisor: Subrahmaniam Tangirala

Social Sciences
Chandra Reyna, Ph.D.
Department of Sociology
Dissertation Advisor: Dawn Dow

Humanities and Fine Arts
Jordan Ealey, Ph.D.
School of Theatre and Performance Studies
Dissertation Title: “The Song of Her Possibilities: Black Women-Authored Musicals from the Nineteenth Century to the Present”
Dissertation Advisor: Nancy Mirabal