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Einollahi, Sanaz – Ph.D.: “Consumers’ Perceptions of AI-Designed Apparel: Antecedents and Consequences,” directed by Dr. Wi-Suk Kwon, 2024

Kim, Minsu – Ph.D.: “Designing Sustainability with Emotions by Communities Who Care,” directed by Dr. Karla Teel, 2024

Reid-Partin, Kristin – Ph.D.: “Aesthetic Acquisitions: How Perceptions of Airbnb Interiors Influence Consumer Booking Intentions and Willingness to Pay,” directed by Dr. Veena Chattaraman, 2024

Brown, Courtney – Ph.D.: “Design What Matters, Better: A Case Study of Universal and Inclusive Design Implementation Throughout the Design Process Toward Empowerment,” directed by Professor Taneshia West Albert and Lindsay Tan, 2024

Ross, Mary Cassandra – Ph.D.: “Consumers’ Perceptions of Reviewers and Consumptive Outcomes: A Socio-Cognitive Information Processing Perspective,” directed by Dr. Young-A Lee, 2023

Robinson, Ebony – Ph. D.: “Enhancing the efficacy of brand activism messaging: A construal level theory approach,” directed by Dr. Veena Chattaraman, 2023

Martin, Kelly- Ph. D.: “An Exploratory Study of Home Interior Design Features to Support Maternal Mental Health and Well-Being in the Postpartum Period,” Professor Lindsay Tan, 2023

Kader, Mohammad Shahidul- Ph. D.: “Effective Storytelling in a Fashion-based Crowdfunding Campaign: The Impact of Narrative Temporality, Narrative Appeal, and Mental Simulation on Crowd-funder Engagement,” directed by Drs. Seeun Kim and Pamela Ulrich, 2023

Shealey, Alaundra - Ph. D.: “(K)notting Strands of Change: Radical Deconstruction Through Afrofuturist-Feminist Design,” directed by Professor Taneshia West Albert, 2023

Wang, Wei - Ph. D.: “Performance or Safety? How Regulatory Foci and Brand Associations Affect Gen Z Car Shoppers’ Attitudes Toward and Intentions to Respond to Mobile Advertising Claims,” directed by Dr. Veena Chattaraman, 2022

Harrison, Ebenezer Nana Banyin - Ph. D.: “Trust and Distrust in Conversational AI Agents: The Effects of Agent Interaction Style and User Information Need,” directed by Dr. Wi-Suk Kwon, 2022

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McCann, Abbi-Storm- Ph.D.: “How’s your CQ?: A Quasi-Experimental Study of Cultural Intelligence Levels in Traditional Students Following Study Abroad and Classroom-based Cultural Experiences,” Professor Lindsay Tan, 2021

Lee, Jong Geun- Ph.D.: “Investigating the Conceptual Link Between Appearance-Related Self-Discrepancies and Retail Therapy Shopping Behavior Through Emotional and Motivational Routes,” Dr. Veena Chattaraman, 2021

Sung, Jihyun – Ph.D.: “The Effects of Augmented Reality (AR) Modality and User-Virtual Product Interaction Design on Consumers’ Product Evaluation: A Cognitive-Experiential Self-Theory Perspective,” directed by Dr. Wi-Suk Kwon, 2021

Chang, Jae Youn – Ph.D.: “Social Media Information Search Behavior in Consumption Decisions: Consumer Segmentation and Discriminant Factors,” directed by Dr. Wi-Suk Kwon, 2020

Michaelson, Dawn – Ph.D.: “Development and Application of a Functional Apparel Framework Using Mixed Methods,” co-directed by Dr. Karla Teel and Dr. Veena Chattaraman, 2019

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