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REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Bartanen, B., Kwok, A., **Avitabile, A.**, and Kim, B.H. (in press). Why Do You Want to Be a Teacher? A Natural Language Processing Approach. *Educational Researcher*. [link] JIF: 5.4, 5-yr JIF: 7.6, Citations: 2

In Progress Work **Avitabile, A.** and Bartanen, B. Leveraging Natural Language Processing to Identify High-Quality Feedback and Field Supervisors.

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Non-Refereed Publications

1. **Avitabile, A.**, and Konkel, A. Employer Demand for Interns Falls to Pre-Pandemic Levels but Remains Strong *Indeed Hiring lab*. [link]

Conference Presentations

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