

Enck-Wanzer Darrel

Darrel Enck-Wanzer is in his first year as an Instructor in the Department of Communication Studies at EIU. Interested in the possibilities for radical democratic praxis given the constraints of U.S. liberal democracy, Darrel's research is located at the nexus of rhetorical theory, political theory, cultural studies, and Latina/o studies. Identifying principally with the discipline of rhetorical studies, and secondarily with Latina/o studies, Darrel's research and teaching examines the theories and practices of robust democratic citizenship in a diverse society. Darrel's current research project is on the new York Young Lords, a group of revolutionary Puerto Ricans similar in aim and function to the Black Panthers. At present, Darrel teaches courses in argumentation and critical thinking, public speaking, and persuasion. You can read more about Darrel's specific research and teaching interests at

<http://web.mac.com/denckwanzer/iWeb/Professional>.

The Faculty Development Support Grant allowed Darrel to attend the National Communication Association's annual convention as a presenter of two competitive papers, an elected member of the executive council for the Latina/o Communication Studies Division and the La Raza Caucus, and as a teacher seeking out new ideas for classes. Attending the NCA enabled Darrel to (a) gather new ideas for teaching current courses in rhetorical studies, (b) make contacts with other Latina/o scholars in order to gather information about developing Latina/o studies here at EIU, and (c) apply new ideas to an emerging curriculum in "Rhetoric and Public Advocacy" in the Department of Communication Studies.