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Assistant Professor, Damián Chase Wilson completed his Ph.D. in Spanish & Portuguese with a Concentration in Hispanic Linguistics at the University of New Mexico.

Damián is the coordinator of the Sabine Ulibarrí Spanish as a Heritage Language Program. His main areas of research and teaching are historical linguistics, sociolinguistics and sociology of language. One of his chief goals is to use these areas of study to support and inform the field of teaching of Spanish as a heritage language in the Southwest. A second goal is to advance research that examines the utility of usage-based theories of linguistic representation as accounting for language change and variation.

Research areas:

Sociolinguistics
Sociology of language
Historical linguistics
Language change
Spanish as a Heritage Language
Hispanic Linguistics

Professional Recognition and Honors:

- Susan Deese-Roberts 2007-2008 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.
- Dissertation awarded with distinction.
- Nominated for Faculty of Color Award, Spring 2011
- Dissertation nominated for Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize, Spring 2011

Publications:

2011 - Diversity in definition: Integrating history and student attitudes in understanding heritage learners of Spanish in New Mexico. *Heritage Language Journal*, 8(2): Proceedings from the 1st International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages. Co-authored with Ricardo Martínez.

Under Review - Discrimination is the key: Item Analysis of placement exam data from Spanish as a Heritage Language and Spanish as Second Language learners. *Heritage Language Journal Special Issue on Placement*.

Article in Preparation - Prefabs at the center for centuries; The persistence of formulaic sequences in the Spanish change-of-state construction *quedar(se) + ADJECTIVE*.

2009 - From 'remaining' to 'becoming' in Spanish: The role of prefabs in the development of the construction *quedar(se) + ADJECTIVE*. In *Formulaic language Vol. 1: Structure, Distribution, and Historical Change*. R. Corrigan, H. Ouali, E. Moravcsik, & K. M. Wheatley (eds.). Amsterdam / Philadelphia: Benjamins.