Tony Slagle--Current Research Projects:

1. *Queer Theory and Communication: Politics, Popular Culture, and the (De)Construction of Identity*. This is a book project that will include chapters on queer theory and social criticism, queer rhetorical criticism, queer pedagogy, a discussion of the tensions between LGBT theory and queer theory, and queer activism.

2. Language and Visual Images about HIV/AIDS in the Puerto Rican press. This is an on-going project that has involved examining the press coverage of HIV/AIDS by the newspapers in Puerto Rico from 1981 to the present. Currently, with Ineke Cunningham (UPR, Sociology Dept.), we are examining visual images that accompany written text. We also recently completed a manuscript on the use of metaphors by the press.

3. Gust Yep (San Francisco State University) and I are currently writing a textbook on communication and sexuality. This will be the first textbook of its kind in the field of communication.

4. Finally, I am working on analyses of two different films, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. In both of these projects, I am using queer theory as a method of rhetorical criticism.