

## Research Resources for Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies

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Where to find...

### Information Resources

(subject encyclopedias, specialized dictionaries, handbooks, guides, biographical sources, statistical sources, bibliographies, chronologies, and surveys)

#### ☐ General Reference Resources

Acuña, Rodolfo. *U.S. Latino Issues*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. 2003. (Ref E 184 S75 A67 2003)

*ALZAR (Academic Latina/o Zone of Activism & Research)*

<http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/salalm/alzar/index.html>

Balderston, Daniel, Mike Gonzalez and Ana M. López, eds. *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures*. New York: Routledge, 2000. 3 v. (Ref F 1406 E515 2000)

Kanellos, Nicolás. *Chronology of Hispanic-American History: From Pre-Columbian Times to the Present*. New York: Gale Research, 1995. (Ref E184 S75 C49 1995)

---. *Handbook of Hispanic cultures in the United States*. Houston: Arte Público Press; Madrid: Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana, 1993. (Ref E 184 S75 H365 1993)

*Iberia, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Portals to the World*. Compiled by Hispanic Division, Library of Congress.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/countries/countries.html>

*Internet Resources for Latin America*. Compiled by Molly Molloy.

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia/>

*LACS/CELAC Cyberproject*

[http://albany.edu/latin\\_american/index.html](http://albany.edu/latin_american/index.html)

*LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center*.

<http://www1.lanic.utexas.edu/>

*Latin American & Caribbean Studies Subject Pages & Guides*. UAlbany Libraries.

[http://library.albany.edu/subject/latin\\_main.html](http://library.albany.edu/subject/latin_main.html)

Oboler, Suzanne, and Deena J. González, eds. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. 4 v. (Ref E 184 S75 O97 2005)

*South America, Central America, and the Caribbean*. London: European Publications, 1985- (Ref F 1414.2 S68X 2005) Latest issue shelved in Ref

Stavans, Ilan, ed. *Encyclopedia Latina: History, Culture, and Society in the United States*. Danbury: Glolier Academic Reference, 2005. 4 v. (Ref E184 S75 E587 2005)



Ruiz, Vicki L. and Virginia Sánchez Korrol ed. *Latinas in the United States: a Historical Encyclopedia*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006. 3 v. (Ref E 184 S75 L35 2006)



☐ Reference Resources on Specific Topics

Dent, David W. *Historical Dictionary of U.S.-Latin American Relations*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2005. (Ref F1418 F457 2005)

Kapiszewski, Diana, ed. *Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Westport: Oryx Press, 2002. (Ref F 1410 E56 2002)



Navarro, Sharon Ann and Armando Xavier Mejia, eds. *Latino Americans and Political Participation: a Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004. (Dewey Library E 184 S75 L3557 2004)

Núñez, Benjamin. *Dictionary of Afro-Latin American Civilization*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1980. (Ref F1408.3 N86)



Olson, James S. *The Indians of Central and South America: an Ethnohistorical Dictionary*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1991. (Ref 1434 O45 1991)

Schultz, Jeffrey D., ed. et al. *Encyclopedia of Minorities in American Politics. Volumen 2 Hispanic Americans and Native Americans*. Phoenix: Oryx Press, 2000. (Ref E 184 A1 E574 2000 v. 2)

Walter, Lynn. *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. 6 v. *Contents related to Latin America: v. 2 Central and South America. v. 5. North America and the Caribbean*. (Ref HQ 1115 G74 2003)



Wauchope, Robert, ed. *Handbook of Middle American Indians*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1964-1976. (Ref F1434 H3)

Note: Check also *Handbook of South American Indians* (F 1434 H3)

**Selected Series:**

- *Culture and customs of Latin America and the Caribbean* published by Greenwood Press
- *Greenwood histories of the modern nations* published by Greenwood Press.
- *Latin American historical dictionaries* published by Scarecrow Press.
- *World bibliographical series* published by Clio.



☐ Biographical Sources

Alexander, Robert J. *Biographical Dictionary of Latin American and Caribbean Political Leaders*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. (Ref F1414.2 B48 1988)

Herrero Mediavilla, Víctor, and Lolita Rosa Aguayo Nayle. *Índice Biográfico de España, Portugal e Iberoamérica*. Munchen: K. G. Saur, 1990. 4 v. (Ref CT 1345 I53 1990)

Meier, Matt S. *Notable Latino Americans: a biographical dictionary*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997. (Ref E 184 S75 M435 1997)

Méndez-Méndez, Serafín, and Gail A. Cueto. *Notable Caribbeans and Caribbean Americans: a Biographical Dictionary*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. (CT 329 M46 2003)



Mundo Lo, Sara de. *Index to Spanish American Collective Biography*. Boston: G.K. Hall & Hall, 1981-1985. 4 v. (Ref 1609 B6 M86)

 Statistics

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*The Hispanic Databook: Detailed Statistics and Rankings on the Hispanic Population, Including 23 Ethnic Backgrounds from Argentinian to Venezuelan, for 1,266 U.S. Counties and Cities*. Millerton: Grey House Pub., 2004. (Ref E 184 S75 H5673 2004)



Mitchell, Brian. *International Historical Statistics: the Americas, 1750-2000*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003. (Ref HA 175 M55 2003)

*Statistical Abstract of Latin America*. Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center Publications, 1956-. (Ref HA 935 S8) Latest issue shelved in Ref.




*Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean*. Santiago, Chile: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1986-. (Ref HA 751 U52X) Latest issue shelved in Ref

*Note: This yearbook is also available for consultation on the ECLAC website <http://www.eclac.cl/publicaciones> under Institutional Periodical Reports. Last electronic edition available: 2006. In English and Spanish.*

*U.S. Census Bureau*  
<http://www.census.gov/>



 Bibliographies and Guides to Research Resources

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*Bibliographic Guide to Latin American Studies*. Detroit: G. K. Hall, 1979-. (Ref F1408 Z999 G55X)

*Bibliography of Latin American and Caribbean Bibliographies*. Madison: SALALM, 1987-. (Z1601 S38)

*The BiblioNoticias Series*. Compiled by staff members at the Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin. **Description:** ongoing subject-oriented bibliography to which several new issues are added each year. Electronic access for titles published since 1990.  
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/benson/bibnot/bibnot.html>



Britton, John A. *The United States and Latin America: a Select Bibliography*. Lanham : Scarecrow Press; Pasadena: Salem Press, 1997. (F 1418 Z999 B75X 1997)

Camarillo, Albert. M. *Latinos in the United States: a Historical Bibliography*. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 1986. (E 184 S75 L37X 1986)

Covington, Paula H. *Latin America and the Caribbean: a Critical Guide to Research Sources*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1992. (Ref F1408 Z999 L385x 1992)

## Tips to search in online catalogs and databases

**Keywords** are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. **You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.** Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Latin America, América Latina...
- **Synonyms.** Latinos, Hispanics....
- **Related keywords.** Globalization, economic integration, migration, diaspora.

### **EXPAND your search by using**

- **Keyword searches** for quick searches on broad topics
- **Boolean operators** (OR)
- **Truncation.** A symbol at the end of a word to retrieve variants of that word. For example: searching for **hispan\*** would find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism".
- **Wildcards.** A symbol to be embedded within a word to replace a single character or a string of characters. For example: searching for **wom?n** will find “woman” and “women”.

	Truncation	Wildcard
Minerva (Online Catalog)	?	! (for a single character) # (for several characters)
Worldcat	*	# (for a single character) ? (zero to nine characters)
HAPI	Just leave the word root	Not available

### **NARROW DOWN/LIMIT your search by using**

- **Subject searches** for a more controlled search
- **Boolean operators** (AND, NOT)
- **Limits** (by date, language, format, specific field, electronic full-text availability...)

## Where to find...

**Books, Journals, Audiovisual Materials, Microforms, and other formats EXCEPT journal articles**

### University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)

<http://minerva.albany.edu>

#### ► **Subject Heading Search**

The following Library of Congress Subject Headings are useful for searching resources by subject in our online catalog. This list only includes some examples of subject headings that might be useful for your research.

Hispanic Americans	Latin America – History
Indians of South America	Latin America – Politics and government
Latin America – Economic conditions	Latin America – Race relations
Latin America – Emigration and immigration	Latin America – Social conditions
Latin America – Foreign economic relations	Social Movements – Latin America
Latin America – Foreign relations – United States	Women – Latin America



## Worldcat

It is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions. Most of the US academic libraries are represented in this catalog.

**Access via Database Finder:** <http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>

Many of the resources from these libraries can be requested via our interlibrary loan service: <http://library.albany.edu/ill/>



## Selected Journals (subscribed by the Library)

Latin American studies journals included in the *Journal Citation Reports – Social Science Edition (Ref H1 Z999 S635X 2006)*

- Journal of Latin American Studies
- Latin American Research Review
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Latin American Perspectives



*Where to find...*

## Research and News Articles



**All Databases Accessible via the Library Website  
(Databases & Indexes)**

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>



## Chicano Database

**Description:** This bibliographic database is specialized in U.S. Latino issues. It provides access to bibliographic information on journal articles, books, book chapters, newspaper articles and anthologies.

**Coverage:** Date coverage varies depending on individual titles. 1960s + (with some older coverage).

**Fulltext?** Links to electronic full-text journals subscribed by the library.

**Truncation:** The symbol \* is used as a right-handed truncation character only; it will find all forms of a word. For example, searching for **latin\*** will find "latino", "latinos", "latinas", etc.



## Ethnic NewsWatch

**Description:** interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) full text database for articles appearing in numerous US racial and ethnic minority newspapers, news magazines, and some journals. To find articles from a particular ethnic perspective, you can limit your search to articles from a publication representing that ethnic group. In our case, select *Hispanic* in the *ethnic group* pull-down menu.

**Coverage:** Date coverage varies depending on individual titles.

**Fulltext?** Yes.

**Truncation:** The symbol \* is used as a right-handed truncation character only; it will find all forms of a word. For example, searching for **hispan\*** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.



### **Hanbook of Latin American Studies**

**Description:** A bibliography on Latin America consisting of works selected and annotated by scholars and edited by the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress.

- **From volume 50 onward, you can also access HLAS via:** <http://hlasopac.loc.gov/>

This option offers additional features such as Boolean search and the possibility to save and send emails with your results. **HLAS is also available in print (Ref Z 1605 H23 )**

**Coverage:** 1935-

**Fulltext?** Links to journals subscribed by the library. Also links to freely available resources are included for records from volume 50 (1990) forward.



### **Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)**

**Description:** Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide primarily on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics.

**Coverage:** 1970- . Indexing of book reviews 1970-2001

**Fulltext?** You can limit your searches to citations to full-text only. Links would take you to either journals the library subscribes to or to freely available articles on the web.

**Truncation:** *No symbol is needed to truncate.* For example, searching for **hispan** will find "hispano", "hispanic", "hispanism", etc.



### **SourceOECD**

**Description:** Provides electronic access to all Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development documents. This database contains research on social and policy issues, as well as a wealth of statistical information. **Coverage:** Varies. **Full-text:** Yes



### *Other Databases of Interest Available via the Library Website*

- Anthropological Literature
- Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)
- Dissertations & Theses
- Economist Intelligence Unit Publications
- Historical Abstracts
- PAIS International
- Sociological Abstracts
- Social Sciences Abstracts (EBSCO)
- Women's Studies International.



### **Scholarly Resources Freely Available in Latin American Digital Libraries on the Web**

• **Red de Bibliotecas Virtuales de Ciencias Sociales de América Latina y el Caribe**  
<http://www.clacso.org.ar/biblioteca>

• **Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina, El Caribe, España, y Portugal (Redalyc)**

<http://www.redalyc.com/>

• **Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO)**

<http://www.scielo.org/>

• **LATINDEX**

<http://www.latindex.org/> The *Indice* provides access to full-text journals.



Where to find...

**Reports, Working Papers, Preprints...**

<b>Research institutes and non-governmental organizations</b>	
Published in Latin America	<b>Biblioteca Digital Andina</b> <a href="http://www.comunidadandina.org/bda/">http://www.comunidadandina.org/bda/</a> <b>Latin American Open Archives Portal</b> <a href="http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/laoap/">http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/laoap/</a> <b>Red de Bibliotecas Virtuales de C. Sociales de América Latina y el Caribe (CLACSO)</b> <a href="http://www.clacso.org.ar/biblioteca/">http://www.clacso.org.ar/biblioteca/</a>
Published in other countries	<b>Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPRL)</b> <a href="http://www.nd.edu/~iuprl/">http://www.nd.edu/~iuprl/</a> <b>National Council of La Raza (NCLR)</b> <a href="http://www.nclr.org">http://www.nclr.org</a> <b>Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI)</b> <a href="http://www.trpi.org/">http://www.trpi.org/</a> <b>Pew Hispanic Center</b> <a href="http://pewhispanic.org/">http://pewhispanic.org/</a> <b>Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos</b> <a href="http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/">http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/</a>



<b>Regional and International Organizations</b>	
<b>Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL)</b> <a href="http://www.eclac.cl/publicaciones/">http://www.eclac.cl/publicaciones/</a> <a href="http://www.eclac.cl/estadisticas/">http://www.eclac.cl/estadisticas/</a>	<b>International Monetary Fund (IMF/FMI)</b> <a href="http://www.imf.org/external/pubind.htm">http://www.imf.org/external/pubind.htm</a>
<b>Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)</b> <a href="http://www.iadb.org/publications/">http://www.iadb.org/publications/</a> <b>•Datagob</b> <a href="http://www.iadb.org/datagob/">http://www.iadb.org/datagob/</a>	<b>Organization of American States (OAS)</b> <a href="http://www.oas.org/">http://www.oas.org/</a> Click on <i>Publications</i> <b>•Foreign Trade Information System</b> <a href="http://www.sice.oas.org/">http://www.sice.oas.org/</a>
<b>Inter American Agency for Cooperation and Development</b> <a href="http://www.iacd.oas.org/template-ingles/interamer.htm">http://www.iacd.oas.org/template-ingles/interamer.htm</a>	<b>World Bank</b> <i>Documents &amp; Reports</i> <a href="http://www-wds.worldbank.org/">http://www-wds.worldbank.org/</a> <i>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</i> <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/lac">www.worldbank.org/lac</a>



## Primary Sources

### ► Primary Sources Using the Online Library Catalog and the Database Finder

- Search for books and articles that might include papers, letters or other documents.
- Search for historical newspapers and magazines of the historical period you are doing research on.



#### Search Tips

- Perform a search in the online catalog by using keywords defining your topic as *sources*, *statistics*, *interviews*, *correspondence*, *diaries*, etc.
- Search for microforms in the online catalog by selecting *Microforms* in the *Choose a Collection/Format* pull-down menu. Many historical newspapers and magazines are available in the library under this format.
- Some historical newspapers and magazines might be available online in electronic resources such as JSTOR (available via the Database Finder).
- Limit your searches in *Worldcat* (database available via the Database Finder) by selecting the format *Archival material*. This will allow you to retrieve bibliographical information on primary sources available in other libraries in print or other formats such as microfilm.

### ► Primary Sources in the Department of Special Collections & Archives

<http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/>

### ► Digitized Primary Sources on the Web

Digital Library & Archive Collections: General	
<b>American Memory Project</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/</a>	<b>Lexis Nexis Statistical</b> <i>Via the Database Finder</i>
<b>ARC: Archival Research Catalog (National Archives and Records Administration)</b> <a href="http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/">http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/</a>	<b>Library and Archival Exhibitions on the Web</b> <a href="http://www.sil.si.edu/silpublications/online-exhibitions/">http://www.sil.si.edu/silpublications/online-exhibitions/</a> Links to online exhibits worldwide. Useful for US Latino research.
<b>Internet Archive</b> <a href="http://www.archive.org">http://www.archive.org</a>	<b>National Security Archive</b> <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/">http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/</a> For Latin American related documents, click on "documents" and then on the subject area "Latin America."



Digital Collections: Latin American & Caribbean Studies	
<b>Biblioteca Americana</b> <b>Biblioteca Virtual Miguel de Cervantes</b> <a href="http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/seccion/ba/">http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/seccion/ba/</a>	<b>Hispanic Division. Online Collections.</b> <b>Library Of Congress</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/onlinecol.html">http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/onlinecol.html</a>
<b>Digital Library of the Caribbean</b> <a href="http://www.dloc.com/">http://www.dloc.com/</a>	<b>LANIC Etext Collection</b> <a href="http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/etext/">http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/etext/</a>



Selected Digital Collections Organized by Country	
<b>ARGENTINA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memoria Abierta</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.memoriaabierta.org.ar">http://www.memoriaabierta.org.ar</a>	<b>CHILE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memoria Chilena</li> <li>• Biblioteca Virtual del Bicentenario</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.memoriachilena.cl/">http://www.memoriachilena.cl/</a> <a href="http://www.bibliotecavirtualdelbicentenario.cl/">http://www.bibliotecavirtualdelbicentenario.cl/</a>
<b>CUBA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuban Heritage Collection (U. of Miami)</li> </ul> <a href="http://digital.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/">http://digital.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/</a>	<b>MEXICO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.coleccionesmexicanas.unam.mx/">http://www.coleccionesmexicanas.unam.mx/</a></li> </ul>



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