

LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES UNIT  
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I. DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose: To support teaching and research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and those programs sponsored and coordinated by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. In supporting relevant language and area studies courses and research, and to a lesser extent needs of other campuses in the state which have become dependent on the Library, the collection has traditionally focused on the social sciences and humanities. Collecting responsibilities require the acquisition of publications appearing anywhere in any language, although they have focused on materials from Latin America, the United States, and Western Europe.

B. History of Collection: The first history courses on Latin America were offered in 1909 by William Spence Robertson. Spanish American literature was taught by John Van Horne from 1928, and in 1948 a formal instructional program in Latin American Studies was begun. In 1965, the present Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies was formed and a separate library acquisition budget of \$11,000 was established by the Library. Since that time the Center has consistently received federal support, and it now serves as a National Resource Center for Latin American Studies.

The collection has a tradition of acquisition dating back to the early 1900's when faculty in the departments of Spanish and History were especially active. The collecting carried out by the eminent historian, William Spence Robertson, from 1909 to 1941 was greatly supplemented by the acquisition in 1953 of his private collection. In subsequent years heavy collecting in the humanities and social sciences have assured that the Library has maintained coverage of the entire area. Following the appointment of specialized library staff in 1965, including a Latin American Librarian with a joint appointment as the Associate Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Center has supported frequent acquisitions trips to the area and provided funds for staff and acquisitions. This joint Library and Center effort has lead to the development of one of the six largest collections in the country.

In 1983, the Library Administration approved the establishment of a Latin American Library within the Library's reorganization plan. Planning for that unit is underway.

C. Estimate of Holdings: 325,000 volumes.

D. State, Regional, and National Importance: The collection ranks among the six largest in the country, and is believed to be the largest collection in the region between both coasts and north of Texas. Because an active acquisition program has been maintained since the 1930's, it holds rare materials not available to collections formed after that time. Through special programs supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Defense Education Act, it continues to serve needs of visiting fellows participating in special NEH and NDEA sponsored seminars and individual research projects. With a strong contingent of scholars in Illinois

organized into an annual state conference on Latin America and the Caribbean, this collection meets special statewide demands.

E. Unit Responsible for Collecting: Latin American Library Services Unit.

F. Location of Materials: Materials are primarily located in the Bookstacks, although some journals, manuscript collections, newspapers, and monographs are located in the Newspaper library, the University Archives, and various departmental libraries.

G. Citations of Works Describing the Collection:

Alguero, Manuel. "Brazilian Serial Publication in the University of Illinois Library." (Unpub.)

Deal, Carl W. "Latin Americana," NonSolutus 6 (1979): 32-38.

Fau, Margaret Eustella. Gabriel Garcia Marquez, an Annotated Bibliography, 1947-1979. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1980.

Fau, Margaret Eustella and Nelly S. Gonzalez. Bibliographic Guide to Gabriel Garcia Marquez, 1979-1985. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986. (Bibliographies and Indexes in World Literature, 7), 189 p.

Gonzalez, Nelly S. "Brazilian Official Serial Publications: an Acquisition Strategy," The Serials Librarian 5:3 (Spring 1981): 45-55.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Acquisition of Official Publications from Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico: Three Case Studies" in Library Resources on Latin America New Perspectives for the 1980's: Final Report and Working Papers of the Twenty-Fifth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials. Madison, WI: SALALM Secretariat, 1981.

Leal, Luis. "Para la Bibliografia de Jalisco" in Boletín Bibliografico de la Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico, 14-17 (15 de abril, 1969), 10-11 (1 de mayo 1969), 16-17 (1 de junio, 1969), 15-16 (15 de julio, 1969).

Major, pp. 31, 44-45.

Mundo Lo, Sara de. Colombian Serial Titles in the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. Austin: Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, 1978.

\_\_\_\_\_. Spanish Speaking Minorities. Urbana, 1974. 74p.

\_\_\_\_\_. An index and typed list to a collection of 1500 Mexican pamphlets published in Northwest Mexico primarily during the 19th century. To be submitted for publication.

Porgueras-Mayo, Alberto. "La Coleccion Palafox: Fondos raros en la Universidad de Illinois," in XVII Congreso del Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana. Madrid: Ediciones Cultura Hispanica, 1978.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Impresos raros de los siglos XVII-XIX de Juan Palafox y Mendoza (1600-1659), Obispo de Puebla, en la Biblioteca de la Universidad de Illinois," Anuario de Letras 12 (1974): 241-254.

In addition to the above works which focus largely on collections held in this library, collections at Illinois are cited with those from other libraries in the following national resource guides:

Jackson, William V. Library Guide for Brazilian Studies. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Book Centers, 1964.

Mesa, Rosa. Latin American Serial Documents. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms, 1968. 12 Vols.

Williams, Lee H. The Allende Years. a Union List of Chilean Imprints, 1970-1973.... Boston: G.K. Hall, 1977.

## II. GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

A. Languages: Standard statement. In addition, materials in indigenous languages of Latin America, especially Quechua, are collected.

B. Chronological Guidelines: No restrictions.

C. Geographical Guidelines: The collection is responsible for acquiring materials about the entire Latin American and Caribbean Hemisphere south of the United States. Latin American and Hispanic communities in the United States are also a primary responsibility. Although no nation among the forty countries of the area is excluded, the collections geographic focus traditionally has been on Brazil (a Farmington Plan responsibility), the Andean countries (especially Ecuador and Peru), Mexico and Mesoamerica, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, and most recently, Central America.

D. Treatment of Subject: Standard statement. Comprehensive collection coverage of Latin America and the Caribbean area is the goal. Emphasis within the geographical guidelines is on the humanities and social sciences, although not to the total exclusion of other fields like agriculture, natural history, and the history of science.

E. Types of Materials: Standard statement.

F. Date of Publication: Standard statement.

G. Place of Publication: No restrictions. The bulk of material is published in Latin American and Caribbean countries, the United States, Great Britain, and Western Europe.

III. COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY BY SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS WITH QUALIFICATIONS,  
LEVELS OF COLLECTING INTENSITY, AND ASSIGNMENTS

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>DL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>
<b>LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES</b>				
Latin America--agricultural economics	2	2	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ agriculture
Latin America--anthropology	4	4	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ anthropology
Latin America--art	2	2	3	ART/ latin american
Latin America--economics	3	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN
Latin America--education	3	3	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ education
Latin America--geography	4	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN
Latin America--history	4	4	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ history
Latin America--labor relations	2	2	3	LATIN AMERICAN
Latin America--philosophy	2	2	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ philosophy
Latin America--political science	3	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN
Latin America--religion	3	3	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ religion
Latin America--sociology	3	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN
Latin America--urban planning	2	2	3	LATIN AMERICAN
<b>LATIN AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS</b>				
Portuguese	3	3	4	PORTUGUESE/ latin american
Spanish	4	4	4	SPANISH/ latin american
Quechua	3	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ LINGUISTICS
<b>LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE</b>				
Portuguese (Brazil)	3	4	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ portuguese
Spanish	4	4	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ spanish
French	3	3	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ french
English-speaking Caribbean	2	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ Afro-American
Dutch-speaking Caribbean	2	2	3	LATIN AMERICAN/ german
Hispanic communities in the U.S.	2	3	4	LATIN AMERICAN/ SPANISH