

Latin Americanist Research Resources Project

The Latin Americanist Research Resources Project is a cooperative initiative to expand the range of research materials available to Latin Americanist scholars and students, and to enhance access to these resources by distributing them via the Web. Forty-three libraries are Project members, including the Felipe Herrera Library of the Inter-American Development Bank, the first non-ARL library to join. The expansion of the Project to Latin American institutional partners will be supported by a \$300,000 U.S. Department of Education Title VI, Section 606, grant awarded to the University of Texas at Austin General Libraries.

As one of the original pilot projects of the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program, the Latin Americanist Research Resources Project emphasizes the development of cooperative models for improving access to resources produced in Latin America while containing costs. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation provided initial funding for the Project; contributions from the participating libraries have matched and surpassed that funding. The Project consists of three components:

Journals Table-of-Contents Database

The Journals Table-of-Contents Database contains information on more than 65,000 articles in over 400 journals from Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. Coverage will soon be expanded to include journals from other Latin American countries. Most of the journals covered by the Database are not indexed in any other source. Participating libraries share distributed responsibility for collecting the journals and for entering the tables of contents for assigned journals into the Database using a web template. Hosted by the University of Texas at Austin's Latin American Network Information Center (UT-LANIC), the Database provides unlicensed, keyword access to journal tables of contents. Additionally, users at participating institutions may electronically request photocopies of the articles indexed in the Database. Search the Database at <http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/project/arl/>.

Distributed Resources

The Distributed Resources component of the Latin Americanist Research Resources Project is aimed at strengthening the collective coverage of monographs and other resources produced in Latin America. Twenty-five participating libraries have agreed to commit at least seven percent of their Latin American monographic budgets to this effort. Each library reallocates its funds to augment the existing base for an assigned collecting area of local emphasis. These fields are selected by the individual participants, but contribute to an interconnected network of assignments that together provide enhanced coverage for "non-core" materials for the entire Latin American region. The total reallocated amount has now surpassed \$170,000 per year. All participating libraries provide online bibliographic records as quickly as possible, and also make the majority of these materials available through interlibrary loan.

Presidential Messages

The complete texts of Argentine and Mexican presidential messages are available in an image database hosted by UT-LANIC. The Project funded the digitization of the presidential messages by OCLC's Preservation Resources. View the presidential messages at <http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/project/arl/pm/sample2/>.

Latin Americanist Research Resources Project participants (Distributed Resources component participants noted with an asterisk):

University of Arizona*

Brigham Young University*

University of California–Berkeley*

University of California–Los Angeles*

University of California–San Diego*
University of California–Santa Barbara
Center for Research Libraries
Columbia University
University of Connecticut
Cornell University*
Dartmouth College
Duke University*
University of Florida*
Harvard University (Harvard College Library) *
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University
Inter-American Development Bank, Felipe Herrera Library*
University of Kansas*
Library of Congress
University of Miami*
Michigan State University
University of Minnesota
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University of New Mexico*
New York Public Library*
New York University*
University of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame*
Ohio State University*
Ohio University
University of Pennsylvania*
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Stanford University
Syracuse University*
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Tulane University*
Vanderbilt University*
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For further background on the Latin Americanist Research Resources Project, see Dan Hazen's article, "The Latin Americanist Research Resources Project: A New Direction for Monographic Cooperation?" in *ARL* no. 191 (Apr. 1997): 1–6, also available at <http://www.arl.org/newsltr/191/latin.html>. For more information, contact:

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