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Embeddedness

- Embeddedness, the act of integrating library and archival services (literacy instruction, research & archival consultations, collection development, etc) into the fabric of our constituents' academic life and needs
 - This is not something optional to do but a requirement in our profession today

Many Roles but just one Body

- My Subject Librarian and Liaison duties
 - Instruction and Consultations (anywhere, anytime)
 - Outreach and Promotion
 - Collection Development
 - Collaborations
- My Curator duties
 - Instruction and Archival Reference
 - Collection Development & Acquisition
 - Donor Relations
 - Outreach and Promotion
 - Collaborations
- All these roles can happen simultaneously

Library Mandate

- From UConn Libraries 2009-2014
 Strategic Planning
 - "The Libraries' path is clear: enhance the research process through direct support via our liaisons and collections and take on new roles of digital preservation, organization, and access."

Latin American and Caribbean Collections at Dodd's Center

- Latin American Newspaper Collection
- Puerto Rico Civil Court PapersCollection
- NACLAS Working Papers archives
- Rare books collections
 - Chile and Medina collections (Chilean books)
 - Arjona and Madrid collections Iberian books)
 - Puerto Rican collection (rare books and government publications)
 - Spanish Periodicals and Newspapers Collection

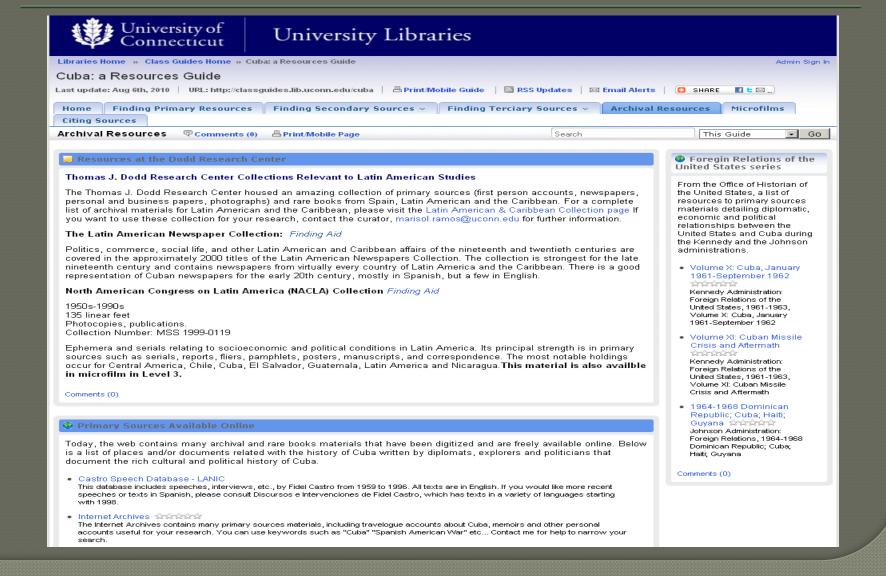
Embeddedness as a way to Build Bridges

- Librarians and archivists approach access from different directions
 - · Libraries—everything should free and accessible
 - Archives—want to offer free and accessible materials but it can't be everything
- Collaboration is one of the key to build bridges and bring archives into libraries and enrich the academic life experience of ours users

Embedding Latin American Archives into Library Practice

- Instruction: Bringing archives into LibGuides
 - Cuban history course, http://classquides.lib.uconn.edu/cuba
 - The LibGuide includes
 - Information on our in-housed holdings
 - · Links to free, authoritative, archival resources
 - · LANIC
 - Internet Archives
 - Information on how to contact the librarian for more help

LibGuides and Archives



Embedding Latin American Archives (Cont.)

• Digital Project: Spanish Women's Magazines:

http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/collections/spanwomen.htm

- Future digital projects: Puerto Rican Civil Court Papers; Puerto Rican rare books. (Update 2014: Both projects were approved and there is a portal, Puerto Rican Digital Collections, http://classguides.lib.uconn.edu/PRDigColl) All are materials that can be used for instruction.
- Outreach and Promotion:
 - Show and Tell events: promote new acquisitions
 - Publicize everything you do through blogs, email lists, newsletter, Facebook, etc.

Can you get "embedded" with Archives?

- Work with your archivist/curator to see how you can integrate your unique Latin American holdings into your practice
- Take advantage of all the great digital material available online to enrich your library instruction
 - LANIC
 - Internet Archives
- Go and get embedded!!