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# Embedding Latin American Archives into Library Instruction and Practice

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# *Embedding Latin American Archives into Library Instruction and Practice*

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# Embeddedness

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- ◉ 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

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- ◉ 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

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- 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

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- ◉ Latin American Newspaper Collection
- ◉ Puerto Rico Civil Court Papers Collection
- ◉ 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

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

# Embedding Latin American Archives into Library Practice

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## ◉ Instruction: Bringing archives into LibGuides

- Cuban history course, <http://classguides.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



## Cuba: a Resources Guide

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### Resources at the Dodd Research Center

#### Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Collections Relevant to Latin American Studies

The Thomas J. Dodd Research Center housed an amazing collection of primary sources (first person accounts, newspapers, personal and business papers, photographs) and rare books from Spain, Latin American and the Caribbean. For a complete list of archival materials for Latin American and the Caribbean, please visit the [Latin American & Caribbean Collection page](#) if you want to use these collection for your research, contact the curator, [marisol.ramos@uconn.edu](mailto:marisol.ramos@uconn.edu) for further information.

#### The Latin American Newspaper Collection: [Finding Aid](#)

Politics, commerce, social life, and other Latin American and Caribbean affairs of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries are covered in the approximately 2000 titles of the Latin American Newspapers Collection. The collection is strongest for the late nineteenth century and contains newspapers from virtually every country of Latin America and the Caribbean. There is a good representation of Cuban newspapers for the early 20th century, mostly in Spanish, but a few in English.

#### North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA) Collection [Finding Aid](#)

1950s-1990s  
135 linear feet  
Photocopies, publications.  
Collection Number: MSS 1999-0119

Ephemera and serials relating to socioeconomic and political conditions in Latin America. Its principal strength is in primary sources such as serials, reports, fliers, pamphlets, posters, manuscripts, and correspondence. The most notable holdings occur for Central America, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Latin America and Nicaragua. **This material is also available in microfilm in Level 3.**

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### Primary Sources Available Online

Today, the web contains many archival and rare books materials that have been digitized and are freely available online. Below is a list of places and/or documents related with the history of Cuba written by diplomats, explorers and politicians that document the rich cultural and political history of Cuba.

- [Castro Speech Database - LANIC](#)  
This database includes speeches, interviews, etc., by Fidel Castro from 1959 to 1996. All texts are in English. If you would like more recent speeches or texts in Spanish, please consult *Discursos e Intervenciones de Fidel Castro*, which has texts in a variety of languages starting with 1998.
- [Internet Archives](#)   
The Internet Archives contains many primary sources materials, including travelogue accounts about Cuba, memoirs and other personal accounts useful for your research. You can use keywords such as "Cuba" "Spanish American War" etc... Contact me for help to narrow your search.

### Foreign Relations of the United States series

From the Office of Historian of the United States, a list of resources to primary sources materials detailing diplomatic, economic and political relationships between the United States and Cuba during the Kennedy and the Johnson administrations.

- [Volume X: Cuba, January 1961-September 1962](#)   
Kennedy Administration:  
Foreign Relations of the United States, 1961-1963, Volume X: Cuba, January 1961-September 1962
- [Volume XI: Cuban Missile Crisis and Aftermath](#)   
Kennedy Administration:  
Foreign Relations of the United States, 1961-1963, Volume XI: Cuban Missile Crisis and Aftermath
- [1964-1968 Dominican Republic; Cuba; Haiti; Guyana](#)   
Johnson Administration:  
Foreign Relations, 1964-1968 Dominican Republic; Cuba; Haiti; Guyana

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# Embedding Latin American Archives (Cont.)

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## ◉ 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?

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- ◉ 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!!