

Mexican American Studies

Introduction to this Guide

Mexican American/Chicano Studies is *inter-disciplinary*, as it encompasses the social sciences, humanities and the arts, as well as other areas such as education. If your topic deals with a specific field of study such as education or history, be sure to look at the resources listed in the subject guides for those topics in addition to the ones listed in this guide, as those sources will likely provide additional material for your research.

Doing research in the Library or online can either be an enjoyable experience or a chore, depending on how well prepared you are. To learn how to do effective research, it is highly recommended that you go through the following tutorials before you begin.

[How to Search Effectively](#) This tutorial will review how to use your **Topic Statement** to create a **Search Strategy** using a **Keyword Search String**. This should be your first step before jumping into the Library Catalog or a database, as it will help you narrow your search and provide you for a consistent guide while searching different online resources.

[Catalog Tutorial \(UA Library\)](#)

Learn how to search the UA Library Catalog by keyword, author, and title. This tutorial includes self assessment quizzes as well as a printable final quiz.

[Research Rules to Live By](#) Learn the steps of the research process, including choosing, exploring, and focusing a topic; identifying the best types of information to use; selecting the right resources and evaluating the information you find.

Once you have done this, your first task is to gather background information about your topic. The following resources will provide a starting point for your research and are useful for finding definitions of terms and concepts and for learning the basics about key issues, people and events. Many of these sources cover the "Latino" population, (including Cuban Americans, Puerto Ricans and others) in the US, not just the Mexican American population. However, because the Mexican American population is the largest "sub-group" of the Latino population, there is ample coverage of Mexican American issues in these resources.

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and Other Useful Resources

[The Mexican American Experience: an encyclopedia](#)

A single volume encyclopedia that offers introductory essays and bibliographies on a wide variety of topics related to the Mexican American experience. A great starting point for further research.

[Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos & Latinas in the U.S.](#)

Offers comprehensive, reliable, and accessible information about the diverse historical and contemporary experiences in the United States of Latinos and Latinas from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Central America, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Topics covered include identity, art, politics, religion, education, health, and history.

[The Latino Encyclopedia](#)

This six volume set focuses on the Latino experience in the U.S. The more than 1,900 articles range from 28 signed articles with annotated bibliographies to unsigned paragraphs without bibliographies. The 28 articles run approximately 4,000 words covering "broad overviews of major aspects of Latino life," for example, family life and politics. More than 1,000 black-and-white illustrations mean a picture is on almost every page. Graphics make statistics easily understood. Sidebars highlight facts and special lists (e.g., "Latino Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients"). Definitions for many Spanish words are provided in parentheses. Cross-references tie articles together. Each volume contains its own table of contents; volume 6 contains the comprehensive index. Volume 1 lists contributors with their affiliations.

[Latino America: A State by State Encyclopedia](#)

This two-volume set includes essays that provide historical overviews of Latinos in each of the 50 states. It also includes brief biographical sketches of notable people, a chronology of key events, key cultural contributions of Latinos to each state, as well as a bibliography for each essay.

[Latino history and culture: an encyclopedia](#)

Highlights notable events, people, groups and movements, ideas, issues, and cultural expressions of Latinos/as in America. It begins with three overview essays by time (1492–1900, 1900–1965, and 1965–present), followed by nearly 300 alphabetically arranged entries. Includes a mix of historical topics and more contemporary ones as well as entries on specific cultures. Every entry ends with see also references and further-reading suggestions. Volume 1 contains a "Topic Finder" as well as an alphabetical list of contents. A chronology, a complete bibliography (including a few Web sites), and an index end volume 2.

[UXL Hispanic American Almanac](#)

Contains a chronology and biographical information, as well as essays on topics ranging from immigration to education to literature and the arts.

[Chronology of Hispanic-American History: from pre-Columbian times to the present](#)

Hispanic American and Latin American history and chronology.

[Encyclopedia of the Mexican American civil rights movement \(electronic resource\)](#)

Containing biographical sketches, organizational histories, legislative summaries, and court cases, this work covers the Chicano, or Mexican American (used interchangeably), civil rights movement from the 1836 Texas revolt to the debate over bilingualism. Arranged alphabetically, each entry contains a list of cross-references. The book concludes with several appendixes: a chronology, the text of the U.S. Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, a list of acronyms, notes on Spanish pronunciation, and a general index. Also available as a book in Main reference. Call # [E184.M5 M458 2000](#)

[Dictionary of Latino Civil Rights History](#)

Covers a broader range of issues and groups than the The Encyclopedia of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement, and is a more recent publication (2006). Includes a comprehensive bibliography, chronology and index.

[Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States](#)

Four volume set of essays, each covering a different topic, including history, anthropology, Literature and Art, and Sociology.

[Latino Politics: A Growing and Evolving Political Community \(A Reference Guide\)](#)

This work covers issues such as Latino identity, political attitudes, history, demographics, and intergroup relations. It provides descriptions to hundreds of books and other resources on these and other topics. A useful starting point for finding resources on politics and Latinos.

Introduction to finding books

Books are useful resources because they often provide more detailed information on a topic than journal articles and they can be broader in scope. They can also provide a historical framework and extensive analysis of a topic.

There are several ways to find books. To locate specific titles or works by a particular author, do an author or title search. To find materials by topic, do a keyword search or a subject search. Keyword searching is easier as it lets you choose your own terminology. Use it rather than subject searching to get started.

There are a number of terms that are used to describe Americans of Mexican descent. Most sources use the phrase Mexican-American, while others use Chicano or Chicana, or broader terms such as Latino, Latina, or Hispanic to include other groups such as Puerto Ricans and Cuban Americans. When doing keyword searching, don't hesitate to use a variety of different terms or combinations of terms at first. Once you start finding the material you think will be useful, narrow down the terminology by looking at the subject headings for the book titles that look like they will be useful to you. These are listed in the body of the catalog record of the materials of which you are looking.

Catalogs and Bibliographies

[The University of Arizona Library Catalog](#)

This catalog lists materials that you can find at the University of Arizona Libraries, including the Main Library, the Science-Engineering Library, the Fine Arts Library, the Law Library and the Arizona Health Sciences Library. If you do not know how to use the Library catalog, a [tutorial](#) is available that will show you how to search effectively. Taking the time to learn how to do effective research will save you hours of valuable time.

[The Arizona Historical Society Library Catalog](#)

This is a useful resource for finding books and more. Included are historical works about Tucson and Arizona, as well as the broader Southwest. This catalog also contains primary research resources, such as personal papers, diaries, oral histories etc. The Arizona Historical Society's Tucson Research Library is located at 949 E. 2nd Street, just west of the University of Arizona campus.

[WorldCat Local](#) Guide

Version of the WorldCat catalog that includes books, journals, media and other materials from thousands of libraries worldwide, plus millions of article listings, and local information from the UA library catalog for UA-owned library materials. Materials not owned by the UA Library can be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. A link to ILL is provided in each catalog record.

[Pima County Public Library Catalog](#)

This catalog contains reading material that is more "popular" in nature. However, it includes many resources that the UA Library does not have that are relevant to Mexican American Studies.

[ProQuest Dissertations and Theses - Full Text](#)

While dissertations and theses are not "books" per se, they do offer in-depth treatment of a topic and contain useful bibliographic information. This source is a comprehensive index of doctoral dissertations and some master's theses from most North American and many European colleges and universities. Full text is available for most of those submitted after 1996 and for many before that. (Full text for a few recently submitted dissertations may not be available due to restrictions placed by the author, patents pending or problems regarding use of copyrighted material without permission.)

[Mexican Americans in the Twentieth-Century American West: A Bibliography](#)

If you are studying a topic such as Mexican Americans in education, or Mexican American history, be sure to review the resources in the subject guides for those broader areas (in this case education and history), as there may be resources in those guides that will likely prove useful to you as you gather your readings and research material.

Major Inter-disciplinary Databases:

[Academic Search Complete](#) Guide

Comprehensive multidisciplinary database including many scholarly full text journals, magazines and other publications, some as far back as 1887.

[Alternative Press Index](#)

Indexes all articles of 5 or more paragraphs in approximately 250 alternative, radical and left publications that focus on social, political, economic, and environmental causes. Subjects covered include: racial and gender issues, gay and lesbian studies, labor, ecology, political organizations, and more.

[Chicano Database](#)

Multi-disciplinary coverage of all types of material about Mexican Americans/Chicanos and other Latino groups in publications published from the 1960's to the present.

[Ethnic Newswatch](#)

Full-text articles from the ethnic and minority press in America.

[HAPI - Hispanic American Periodical Index](#)

Contains citations to scholarly journals, book reviews and drama and film reviews about US-Hispanic and Latin American topics, in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish languages. Coverage: 1970 - present.

[Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980](#)

Full-text of hundreds of Spanish-language and bilingual Spanish-English newspapers printed in the United States from 1808-1980. Based on the "Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project" directed by Professor Nicolas Kanellos.

[JSTOR](#) Guide

Provides access to the archives of over 1,000 leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

[Newsbank](#)

Main page for all resources from Newsbank to which the University of Arizona Library subscribes, including the America's Historical Newspapers, FBIS Daily Reports, Access World News, and more. Also includes links to Newsbank Special Reports.

[Project Muse](#)

Provides full-text access to a comprehensive selection of prestigious humanities and social sciences journals.

[Readers' Guide Retrospective](#)

Comprehensive indexing of the most popular general-interest periodicals published in the United States and access to literature reflecting the history of 20th century America.

[Web of Science \(included in Web of Knowledge\)](#) Guide

Science Citation Index Expanded, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, and *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*. Index to core journal articles and cited references. Includes some abstracts.

Subject-Specific Databases:

[America: History & Life](#) Guide

Article abstracts and citations of reviews covering the scholarly literature of U.S. and Canadian history. Includes regional history journals, book reviews and dissertations.

[Anthropology Plus](#)

Provides indexing of journal articles, reports, and obituaries in the fields of social, cultural, and interdisciplinary studies from early 19th century to the present.

[Historical Abstracts](#) Guide

A selective bibliography of the world's historical literature (journal articles, books, dissertations) excluding U.S. and Canadian history. Covers the historical period from 1450 to present.

[PsycINFO](#) Guide

Citations and abstracts to articles in journals, dissertations, and book chapters in all areas of psychology from 1887 to the present.

[Political Science Complete](#)

Provides full text for more than 520 journals, and indexing and abstracts for over 2,900 titles in political science, international relations, and law. Also includes full text of reference books and conference papers. Coverage from early 1900s-present.

[Public Affairs Information Service \(PAIS International\)](#)

Citations to journal articles, books, government documents, and more, emphasizing international coverage of public policy, international relations, and business, from 1915-present.

[Sociological Abstracts](#)

Sociological Abstracts includes citations and abstracts to articles from an international collection of journal titles as well as abstracts to dissertations, conference proceedings, book reviews, books and book chapters. Subject focus includes sociology, family studies, women's studies, sociolinguistics and related fields.

Facts & Figures

[Hispanic Americans: A Statistical Sourcebook](#)

Published annually. Includes social demographics on such topics as households, family, education, government, labor force, earnings and crime characteristics. Special and current topics are also covered. Latest edition, 2007, in Main Reference.

[Facts on the Hispanic or Latino Population](#)

Includes: data from the American Community Survey as well as social characteristics, economic characteristics, profiles, news releases from the US Census Bureau, and additional resources.

[Hispanic Population of the United States](#)

Information, Data and reports on Hispanics in the U.S., from the U.S. Census Bureau.

[ProQuest Statistical Insight](#)

ProQuest Statistical Insight (formerly LexisNexis Statistical Universe) is a comprehensive source for federal statistics. Also indexes and provides abstracts to US (ASI), state and local governments (SRI), and privately published and international and intergovernmental statistical sources (IIS) from 1973-present.

[Census Resources - American Factfinder](#)

Data from the following surveys and censuses are available in American FactFinder:

- The **Decennial Census** collects data every 10 years about households, income, education, homeownership, and more for the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. [get data »](#)
- The **American Community Survey** is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. [get data »](#)
- The **Puerto Rico Community Survey** is the equivalent of the American Community Survey for Puerto Rico. *(coming soon)*
- The **Economic Census** profiles the U.S. economy every 5 years, from the national to the local level and by detailed industry and business classification. *(coming soon)*
- The **Population Estimates Program** publishes estimated population totals for the previous year for cities and towns, metropolitan areas, counties, and states. [get data »](#)
- The Census Bureau conducts more than 100 economic surveys covering annual, quarterly, and monthly time periods for various sectors of the economy. Data from three **Annual Economic Surveys** can be found on American FactFinder:
 - Annual Survey of Manufactures *(coming soon)*
 - County Business Patterns [get data »](#)
 - Nonemployer Statistics [get data »](#)

[Racial and Ethnic Diversity: Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and Whites](#)

Includes lots of useful and up-to-date social and economic data about each ethnic group, including Hispanics, in the U.S.

[2012 Statistical Abstract](#)

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. Use the Abstract as a convenient volume for statistical reference, and as a guide to sources of more information both in print and on the Web. Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations.

[Hispanic Firsts: 500 Years of Extraordinary Achievement](#)

The volume collects "the contributions and achievements of Hispanics as pioneers of American culture" and highlights those "that succeeded in breaking barriers"--from the introduction of sugar cane to the New World in 1493 to the election in 1997 of Loretta Sanchez, the first Mexican American U.S. congresswoman.

[Statistic Resource Finder](#)

Lists statistical resources for the world by region, country, U.S. state, county and city statistics on a variety of subjects. All listed resources are available in the UA Libraries.

[Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática \(INEGI\)](#)

(National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information)

Contains information in English and Spanish about Mexico's municipal databases, economy, statistics and information. Free registration required.

[We the People: Hispanics in the United States \(2004\)](#)

A US Census Bureau Special Report, issued in December 2004 and based on the 2000 Decennial Census. Provides "a portrait of the Hispanic-origin population in the United States and discusses some of the Hispanic or Latino groups within this population at the national level."

[Hispanic Almanac: from Columbus to Corporate America](#)

E184.S75 H5572 Main Ref.

Foreword by Luis Valdez. Includes Hispanic identity in the U.S. today, language, religion, diversity of origins, immigration patterns, family, women's issues, children, youth, and the future of the Hispanic people.

Biographies

[Biography In Context](#)

A comprehensive database of biographical information on more than 1,000,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas

[Biography & Genealogy Master Index](#)

Biographical information for all subjects, nationalities, and centuries.

[Notable Latino Americans: a biographical dictionary](#) E184.S75 M35 Main Ref. Includes extended biographical data and further research resources about notable Latinos and their accomplishments.

[American National Biography Online](#)

Full-text portraits of more than 17,500 men and women from all eras and walks of life whose lives have shaped the nation. The search interface allows one to limit one's search to persons of "Hispanic heritage" as well as by gender, occupation, birthplace and other factors.

[Latinos In Science, Math and the Professions](#)

Directories, Associations and Organizations

[Associations Unlimited](#)

A comprehensive source of detailed information on over 400,000 international and U.S. national, regional, state and local non-profit membership organizations in all fields. Search by location, subject or SIC code. *(Available only to UA.)*

[Gale's Ready Reference Shelf](#)

Gale's Ready Reference Shelf integrates 13 current editions of Gale's reference directories, containing listings for associations, research centers, publishers, publications, databases, and more

[Associations on the Net](#)

Over 2,000 internet sites about professional and trade associations, cultural and art organizations, political parties etc. Brought to you by the Internet Public Library

[Hispanic American Information Directory](#)

E184.S75 H566 Main Ref.

Includes associations, awards, migrant education, business, cultural organizations, government, hispanic studies programs, libraries, museums, newsletters & directories, newspapers & periodicals, publishers, radio, television and research centers.

[National Directory of Latino Elected Officials](#)

E184.S75 N38 Main Ref.

Contains addresses of Latino elected officials at the federal, state, county, city, special boards, and district levels.

[Who's Who: Chicano Officeholders](#) E184.M5 W62 Main Ref. Includes federal, state, county and municipality Chicano officials, Chicano political party functionaries, political and demographic tables. Includes listings of Chicano/Hispanic civic organizations.

Major Mexican American and Latino Organizations

The following websites represent a select list of national organizations that focus specifically on issues of relevance to the Mexican American and Latino communities.

[American G.I. Forum](#)

The American G.I. Forum is a Congressionally chartered veterans and civil rights organization established in 1949.

[The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation](#)

The mission of the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, a (501(c)(3)) non-profit charitable organization, is to maximize human potential to improve communities by preserving, promoting and applying the legacy and universal values of civil rights leader Cesar E. Chavez.

[League of United Latin American Citizens](#)

The Mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

[MALDEF \(Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund\)](#)

"MALDEF strives to implement programs that are structured to bring Latinos into the mainstream of American political and socio-economic life; providing better educational opportunities; encouraging participation in all aspects of society; and offering a positive vision for the future."

[National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies](#)

The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies is the academic organization that serves academic programs, departments and research centers that focus on issues pertaining to Mexican Americans, Chicana/os, and Latina/os.

[National Council of La Raza \(NCLR\)](#)

NCLR provides the public with information on the Hispanic population as well as insight into its own organizational history...

[United Farm Workers](#)

Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers of America is the nation's first successful and largest farm workers union currently active in 10 states. The UFW continues to organize in major agricultural industries across the nation.

Introduction

A Primary resource is a document or record containing first-hand information or original data on a topic. Primary resources include original manuscripts, periodical articles reporting original research or thought, diaries, memoirs, letters, journals, photographs, interviews, government documents, public records, eyewitness accounts, etc.

A key point to keep in mind is that there exists a lot of primary research material outside of libraries, in local government agencies and school district offices, for example. To obtain minutes of meetings, budget reports, and other primary documentation, one needs to follow the protocols for requesting records from each of these entities. While it may appear bureaucratic to have to fill out records request forms, this is often the only way to access this valuable information.

The guides below will help you get started.

[Using Primary and Secondary Sources: A Practice Tutorial](#) This interactive tutorial provides students practice with differentiating between primary and secondary sources. Research scenarios are used to teach the skills and activities are instantly assessed. Also links to a helpful guide on finding primary sources online. Keywords: periodicals, identifying sources, newspaper, oral histories, memoirs, documents, raw material.

[Using Primary Sources on the Web](#) An instructional page from the American Library Association about how to identify, find and evaluate primary sources. This informative page also includes links to primary resources on the Web.

For additional tutorials and assistance see the following: [Finding Primary Source Materials](#)

Archives and Manuscript Collections

Archive and manuscript collections are readily available locally. The following sources are great places to search for them. It's always a good idea to ask for assistance, as many important collections, particularly those dealing with Mexican Americans, are "hidden" within other collections.

[The University of Arizona Library Special Collections](#)

Special Collections maintains collections of rare books and unique archival materials that make possible in-depth research on selected topics. You can use Special Collections to locate rare books, manuscript collections, photographs, and other materials in a wide variety of subject areas. Assistance for finding material is available and is highly recommended. Contact askspecialcollections@u.library.arizona.edu and someone will respond within 24 to 48 hours.

[University of Arizona Library Catalog](#)

Use our catalog to search for different types of primary resources. Follow these steps:

- On the keyword search page, type your major search topic.
- On the second line, change **Any Field** to **Subject**.
- Type one of the following into the **Subject** line:
 - Sources

- Interviews
- Personal Narratives
- Statistics
- Diaries
- Correspondence
- Biography
- Archives
- You can search more than one of these by putting **OR** between words.
- Autobiographical information can be found by changing **Any Field** to **Author** and typing in the name of the person.
- **Early Works** can be used to search for Primary Sources from before 1800.

[Arizona Archive Online](#)

Detailed descriptions of archival material about the history of Arizona and other subjects held at institutions across the state including academic libraries (UA included), historical institutions, and museums.

[Arizona Historical Society Library \(Tucson\)](#)

This is a useful resource for finding books and more. Included are historical works about Tucson and Arizona, as well as the broader Southwest. This catalog also contains primary research resources, such as personal papers, diaries, oral histories etc. The Arizona Historical Society's Tucson Research Library is located at 949 E. 2nd Street, just west of the University of Arizona campus.

[Worldcat](#)

The world's largest union catalog of books, manuscripts and other materials held in libraries worldwide. Follow the same steps and use the same terminology as those for the UA Library Catalog above. If we don't own something, use the Interlibrary Loan option.

[Voices of the U.S. Latino Experience](#)

This 3-volume collection showcases more than 400 crucial primary documents from and concerning the major Latino groups in the United States. Sources include letters, memoirs, speeches, articles, essays, interviews, treaties, government reports, testimony, and more. The voices include whites as well as Latinos, prominent and obscure, and Americans as well as foreigners.

[The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute Research Archive](#)

This is the full research archive of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, a think tank that for 25 years promoted informed policy making on issues affecting Latino communities. Covers economics, education, politics, technology and other topics. Many of the documents are freely available for downloading.

[Hispanic-American material culture : an annotated directory of collections, sites, archives, and festivals in the United States](#)

This directory reflects the efforts of states, museums, and other institutions, communities, and individuals to preserve and promote Hispanic material culture. It offers detailed information on depositories of Hispanic-American arts and crafts, photographic collections, museums, historic sites, and festivals, as well as folklore and oral history archives.

[A Biographical Handbook of Hispanics and United States Film](#)
[Contemporary Hollywood's negative Hispanic image : an interpretive filmography, 1956-1993](#)

An annotated filmography of more than 3,000 entries each focusing on the film's Hispanic content, connection, or characters. Four separate indexes, more than 6,000 cross references, and as many film reviews make this work an invaluable reference tool for students, scholars, and individuals interested in studying silver screen stereotyping.

[Hispanics and United States Film: An Overview and Handbook](#)

This work concentrates on brief analyses of Hispanic film roles, players, and film types from the earliest motion pictures right up to Erik Estrada's latest assignment. Ten years in the making, it contains a mine of hard-to-find information in this underresearched area.

[Latinos in the Arts](#)

Latinos in the Arts traces the accomplishments of 178 performing and visual artists. Whether an individual was born in the United States or emigrated from such countries as Mexico, Cuba, Spain, or numerous other Central and South American nations, each Latino profiled has made significant contributions to art in the United States.

[International Index to Music Periodicals \(Full text\)](#)

Provides indexing and abstracts to over 470 international scholarly and popular music periodicals, covering the full spectrum of music topics and genres. Coverage: 1874-present.

[International Index to the Performing Arts \(IIPA\)](#)

Provides indexing and abstracts for more than 270 international periodicals covering a broad spectrum of the arts and entertainment industry, including theater, musical theater, dance, opera, film, and television. Coverage: 1998-present.

[Encyclopedia of Latino Popular Culture](#)

This comprehensive encyclopedia covers Latina and Latino popular culture, past and present, in the U.S.—music, art, food, religion, literature, movies and television, theater, holiday customs, organizations, sports, politics, and much more. Four indexes—alphabetical, subject, "People by Field of Endeavor," and "People by Country of Origin or Heritage"—open the set, and a general index closes it. A 10-page chronology is included.

[The Borderlands Encyclopedia](#)

From the University of Texas at El Paso. A multimedia instructional resource on contemporary issues of the U.S.-Mexico border region and a repository of information for ready and available resources addressing those issues.

[Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia](#)

Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia records the contribution of women of Latin American birth or heritage to the economic and cultural development of the United States. The encyclopedia, edited by Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sánchez-Korrol, is the first comprehensive gathering of scholarship on Latinas. This encyclopedia will serve as an essential reference for decades to come.

[Chicana Studies Index: Twenty Years of Gender Research, 1971-1991](#)

Subject, author and title index to over 1100 journal articles and book chapters, books, dissertations, and reports on all aspects of the Chicana experience.

[Gender Studies Database](#)

Citations to journal articles, books and book chapters, conference papers and more, covering women's studies, men's studies, and sexual diversity issues, from 1972-present.

[Latinas! : Women of Achievement](#)

The 70 Hispanic women you'll read about here are 20th-century American women who trace their roots to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain or any of the Spanish-speaking countries of Central & South America. While their backgrounds are richly varied, they share a common bond -- their fierce determination to succeed.

[The Praeger Handbook of Latino Education in the U.S.](#)

Aiming to provide an overview and a comprehensive understanding of issues, contributors (mostly US scholars in education and other fields) address issues in thematic entries arranged alphabetically. These entries discuss topics such as academic achievement, Americanization, bilingual education, border crossing, higher education, reform and policy, subjects relating to teaching and learning English, and equity.

[ERIC](#)

Indexing, abstracts, and some full text of articles in over 1,000 education-related journals and ERIC documents (ED), from 1966-present.

[Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities](#)

The Mission of HACU is to champion Hispanic success in higher education by: promoting the development of member colleges and universities; improving access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; and meeting the needs of business, industry and government through the development and sharing of resources, information and expertise.

The list of resources noted below will help get you started on your research. For more information, consult the library staff of the [Arizona Health Sciences Library](#) (AHSL). The University of Arizona has first-rate nursing, public health and medicine programs, all of which are supported by the AHSL.

Herbal medicine and traditional healing

The following subject headings can be used to find books in the [UA Library catalog](#) on herbal and traditional medicine and its use among the Mexican American people:

Herbs -- Therapeutic use -- North America.

Materia medica, Vegetable -- North America.

Mexican Americans -- Medicine.

Traditional medicine -- North America.

Plants, Medicinal -- Mexico.

Herbal Medicine -- Southwestern United States.

Herbal Medicine -- Mexico.

Databases/Indexes

Available to UA Students and Faculty Only:

[CINAHL \(Nursing\)](#)

Comprehensive, authoritative coverage of the literature in nursing and allied health care areas. Selected journals are also indexed in the areas of Consumer Health, Biomedicine, and Health Sciences Librarianship.

[Medline](#)

Medline is the National Library of Medicine's premier bibliographic database of international biomedical literature, providing comprehensive information on every aspect of medicine, biomedical research and health care.

Web Resources

Available Free on the Internet:

[Basic Country Health Profiles for the Americas](#)

From the Pan American Health Organization of the World Health Organization. Health-related statistics from all countries in the Americas, including the United States and Mexico.

[Health and Environment Resources](#)

From the Center's web page: "The National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH), established in 1974, is dedicated to improving the health status of farmworker families by providing information services and products to a network of more than 500 migrant health center service sites in the United States as well as other organizations and individuals serving the farmworker population."

[Health of Mexican-American Population](#)

Statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics.

[Medline via PubMed](#)

[U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission](#)

The USMBHC is a binational health commission created in July 2000 through the signing of an agreement by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of the United States and the Secretary of Health of Mexico. The mission of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission is to provide international leadership to optimize health and quality of life along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The following list of resources covers Chicano/Mexican American literature and language, as well as literature by other Latino groups in the United States. For additional information on Chicano/Latino writers, see the "People and Organizations" section of this guide. For resources on language and literature from Mexico and other Latin American countries, see the Latin American Studies subject guide.

Bibliographies and Indexes

[Bibliographic Guide to Chicana and Latina Narrative](#)

This reference provides convenient access to all forms of narrative written by Chicana and Latina authors from the early 1940s through 2002. The volume cites more than 2,750 short stories, novels, novel excerpts, and autobiographies written by some 600 Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban American, Dominican American, and Nuyorican women authors. These citations are grouped in five indexes: an author/title index, title/author index, anthology index, novel index, and autobiography index. Short annotations are provided for the anthologies, novels, and autobiographies.

[A Bibliography of Criticism of Contemporary Chicano Literature](#)

This comprehensive bibliography includes 2,181 references to criticism of the creative genres--novel, short story, poetry, theater, and autobiography. Separate author and title indexes.

[Chicano Perspectives in Literature: A Critical and Annotated Bibliography](#)

This annotated and critical bibliography provides bibliographical data and critical evaluations and judgments regarding the quality, importance, and impact of 131 literary works by Chicanos. The commentaries are intended to be taken as opinions with the objective for promoting critical dialogue and contributing to Chicano literary criticism. Entries are divided into the following categories: poetry, novel, short fiction, theatre, anthology, literary criticism, oral tradition in print, journal, and "literatura Chicanesca" (written by non-Chicanos).

[Literatura Chicana: Creative and Critical Writings Through 1984](#)

The most complete and comprehensive, if not most significant, compilation of Chicano creative writings, which have been published through 1984. Best and authoritative list of retrospective collections.

[Literature Resource Center](#)

Full-text of biographies, bibliographies, and literary criticism of authors from all time periods covering novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers from antiquity-present.

[MLA Bibliography \(literature, language, linguistics\) Guide](#)

Database of citations to journal articles, books and dissertations from the 1920s.

International coverage in the disciplines of literature, language and linguistics literary theory and criticism.

Biographical Resources

[Hispanic Writers: A Selection of Sketches from Contemporary Authors](#)

Includes over 400 biographical sketches, the majority of which are from the United States, although Mexico, Argentina, and Spain are represented. Entries taken from *Contemporary Authors* series, published by Gale, were updated and the other 250 plus author entries are new and were completed for this volume.

Dictionaries

[Barrio Language Dictionary: First Dictionary of Calo'](#)

Calo is the language developed by young Mexican Americans who were part of the Pachuco subculture of mid-20th century America. This is one of several dictionaries that documents and defines the colorful words and phrases of this unique population.

[Dictionary of Chicano Folklore](#)

This inclusive lexicon offers terms associated with the Chicano population and its history, experiences, and customs, though the focus is on Mexican Americans who came of age in the 1960s in the Southwest. The entries, which combine English and Spanish terminology, include definitions, commentary, and citations to Chicano folk narratives, arts, folk drama, and popular culture as well as the broad cultural studies already available.

[Dictionary of Chicano Spanish/Diccionario del Espanol Chicano](#)

This is an excellent, scholarly work on a specialized area of linguistics: the words and phrases which form an Americanized dialect of the Spanish language. It contains the special colloquial, euphemistic, slang, and commonplace expressions of the speech of Mexican-American citizens in the United States, along with the spelling and pronunciation variants common to Chicano Spanish.

[A Dictionary of New Mexico and Southern Colorado Spanish](#)

An invaluable resource, loaded with obscure words. A well-structured, nicely organized, clearly printed and thorough work, a sort of linguistic and cultural history of New Mexico and southern Colorado, disguised as a dictionary.

Full-text resources

[Arte Público Hispanic Historical Collection: Series 1](#)

Digital collection of historical content pertaining to U.S. Hispanic history, literature and culture. The content is in Spanish (80%) and English (20%), and is searchable in both languages. Materials are drawn from the Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project. Colonial times until 1960.

[Latino Literature: Poetry, Drama, and Fiction](#)

Latino Literature offers fiction, poetry and plays written in English and Spanish by Chicano, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Dominican and other Latino authors working in the United States from the Chicano Renaissance to the present, some as early as the Nineteenth Century.

[Masterpieces of Latino Literature](#)

Masterpieces of Latino Literature covers works by 105 authors of Latino heritage from South, Central, and North America, from the seventeenth century to the present. The 173 entries are arranged alphabetically by title or genre and include an introduction of principal characters, plot summary, analysis, and critical context (with some degree of overlap in material).

Handbooks and Research Guides

[Chicano Literature: A Reference Guide](#)

This work offers a comprehensive guide to Chicano writers, periods, and genres. The scope of this book spans from 1521 through 1985. It contains biographical essays of Mexican-American writers (including selected bibliographies), as well as essays on subjects such as "Hispanic-Mexican Literature in the Southwest, 1521-1848," "Chicano Poetry," "Chican@ Theatre," and "Chican@ Children's Literature."

[Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States Vol.1: Literature and Art](#)

Contains 15 essays on topics such as Puerto Rican literature, Cuban literature in the U.S., the Hispanic oral tradition and the Spanish-Language press.

[Hispanic Literature of the United States: A Comprehensive Reference](#)

Provides an overview of Hispanic literature, as well as a chronology of Hispanic literature and culture. Also offers biographical information on Hispanic writers and a list of 100 essential Hispanic literary works.

[U.S. Latino Literature: A Critical Guide for Students and Teachers](#)

Each chapter in this Critical Guide provides pertinent biographical background on the author as well as contextual information that aids in understanding the literary and cultural significance of the work. The most valuable component of the critical essays, the Analysis of Themes and Forms, helps the reader understand the thematic concerns raised by the work, particularly the recurring issues of language expression and cultural identity, assimilation, and intergenerational conflicts.

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