

Chicana/o/x, Mexican & Latin American History: Digital Primary Source Database (Working Draft)

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- While this list began with listing primary source resources for Chicanx history, it will be expanded to include resources on Mexican and Latin American History. However, resources for studying Chicanx history will be the primary focus of this database.
- The future goal for this project is to compose this working list as a free, open-source annotated bibliography of primary source resources for students of Chicanx history, Chicanx Studies, Latin American history, and other disciplines whose subject matter is concerned with Chicanx and Latinx histories and experiences. Ideally, this will be a grant-funded project.
- I plan to have each resource listed with a short description and organized according to loose chronological sub-categories (e.g., Pre-Conquest, Colonial, 20th century, etc) and subject matter tags (e.g., U.S. War with Mexico, Chicana feminism, Chicano Movement, etc.)
- Anyone who would like to assist in contributing to this project may contact me via: dansantana@csudh.edu
- Many thanks to the attendees of the NACCS 2023 conference who offered useful suggestions and additional resources for fine-tuning this project, especially Dr. Karen Mary Davalos and Dr. Jose Fernandez.

About this Project

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic led to quarantines and “lockdowns” that forced many archives to shut their doors temporarily. Academics, students, and researchers from all disciplines were impacted by their inability to physically access archives that contained primary source materials needed to complete their studies. When we returned to in-person classes, I found that identifying digitized primary source databases for scholarly research remains a persisting challenge in the field of Chicanx history. Compared to Mexican and Latin American history primary source databases found online, fewer web pages and databases list fully online digitized primary source resources for studying Chicanx history. This problem can limit undergraduate and graduate students from working-class and underserved communities of color with limited resources to travel and access archives in person. This working document is a collaborative effort, thanks to those who shared this working document on Twitter & Facebook. I encourage all educators and students of Chicanx and Latinx history to share this document. I also would like to invite other scholars to contribute to refining this list. This project aims to produce an online and open-source annotated bibliography of primary source resources for scholars of Chicanx and Mexican history. Perhaps in the future, this list can extend to broader research areas.

Digital Repositories and Collections (alphabetical order)

- A Continent Divided: The U.S. – Mexico War
<https://library.uta.edu/usmexicowar/index.php>
- Arte Publico Press (University of Houston) Digital Humanities Projects
<https://artepublicopress.com/projects/>
- Arizona Memory Project: Mexican Heritage Project
<https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/collection/ahsmexican>
- Bexar Archives Online (Briscoe Center for American History)
<https://briscoecenter.org/projects/bexar-archives-online/>
- Bracero Oral History Project (University of Texas at El Paso)
<https://scholarworks.utep.edu/bracero/>
- Califas: Chicano Art and Culture in California Collection (UCSB)
<https://archive.org/details/califas>
- California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives (CEMA)
<https://www.library.ucsb.edu/special-collections/cema>
- Chicana Por Mi Raza: Digital Memory Collective <http://chicanapormiraza.org/>
- Chicano & Latino Studies Oral History & Video Project (University of Minnesota)
<https://cla.umn.edu/chicano-latino/engagement-collaboration/oral-history-video-project>
- Chicana/o Movement in Washington (The Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project)
 - Documents http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/mecha_documents.htm
 - Video Oral Histories https://depts.washington.edu/civilr/mecha_interviews.htm
 - Photo Collections http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/mecha_photos.htm
- Chicana/o Movement in Washington State History Project, Chicanas Speak Out by Marta Vidal, United Farm Workers Primary Documents (OLLU Sueltenfuss Library: Chicano Movement) <https://libguides.ollusa.edu/c.php?g=296664&p=1979620>
- Chicano Times Newspaper, San Antonio (Portal to Texas History)
https://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?q=chicano&t=fulltext&fq=until_collection%3ACHTMS
- Civil Rights in Black and Brown Oral History Project
<https://crbb.tcu.edu/?fbclid=IwAR1kqgWkj5vTVts4u4-H4ljgTZGCuO-ygJod06Byj2AfkFIGEot5P12aDn8>
- Codex Aubin (1576)
https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/E_Am2006-Drg-31219
- Codex Azcatitlan (1530) <https://www.loc.gov/item/2021668122/>
- Codex Borgia - Digital Vatican Library https://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Borg.mess.1
- Digital History
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/?fbclid=IwAR0pJ_ARi9_z8XTX5lt7K_MJfwoUlgqjEa_7GxdJhNY_8OcypNaJYj7jSyM
- Digital Content, Colorado State University-Pueblo Library
<https://csupueblo.libraryhost.com/?p=digitallibrary/digitallibrary>
- Documents of Latin American and Latino Art (International Center for the Arts of the Americas at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)
<https://icaa.mfah.org/s/en/item?Search=&property%5B0%5D%5Bproperty%5D=228&pro>

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- Doris Duke Collection of American Indian Oral History Online (The University of Oklahoma Western History Collections) <https://digital.libraries.ou.edu/WHC/duke/>
- Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers (notes there is a TAMU-CC Repository for digitized resources from this collection, but the link provided is broken)
<https://www.tamucc.edu/library/find/dev-special-collections/browse-special-collections/hp-garcia/>
- East of East (South of East El Monte Arts Posse) <http://semapeastofeast.com/intro>
- El Teatro Campesino Archives (UCSB) <https://archive.org/details/teatrocampesino>
- Farmworker Movement Documentation Project
<https://libraries.ucsd.edu/farmworkermovement/>
- Florentine Codex, Book 12 (American Historical Association)
<https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/teaching-resources-for-historians/teaching-and-learning-in-the-digital-age/the-history-of-the-americas/the-conquest-of-mexico/florentine-codex>
- Frank Cuellar Sr. Collection (Portal to Texas History, UNT Libraries Special Collections)
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/FRANKCR/>
- Hemeroteca Nacional Digital de Mexico - UNAM (Newspapers: El Informador, La Voz de Mexico, El Siglo Diez y Nueve, Gazeta de Mexico, Diario del Gobierno de la Republica Mexicana, La Cruz) <https://hndm.iib.unam.mx/index.php/es/>
- Herman Baca Collection (UC San Diego)
<https://library.ucsd.edu/dc/collection/bb03768122>
- Hispanic Heritage Month (National Archives Online Exhibits)
<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/hispanic-heritage-month>
- Hispanic Research Collection (University of Houston Libraries)
<https://libraries.uh.edu/locations/special-collections/hispanic/>
- Historic Mexican & Mexican American Press (University of Arizona)
http://contentdm-landing.library.arizona.edu/contentdm/mmap/?_ga=2.33217278.1537265663.1526134592-1449145720.1526134592
- HMRC Hispanic Digital Collections (Houston Public Library Digital Archives)
<https://digital.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc-hispanic>
- La Raza Newspaper Publication Records (Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA)
https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c82f7vq1/entire_text/?fbclid=IwAR1tSX5kUyqZNV LXpgonvNWvWbADLdHojs16qaJzfTXv6ZYpdlw0NDLkmSc
- Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photographs (SMU Libraries)
<https://digitalcollections.smu.edu/digital/collection/jtx/search>
- Library of Congress – all digital collections <https://www.loc.gov/collections/>
- Library of Congress – Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Library of Congress: Mexican American Migrations and Communities
<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/mexican-american-migrations-and-communities/>

- Lienzo de Tlaxcala: New Mexico Digital Collections (UNM)
<https://nmdigital.unm.edu/digital/collection/achl/id/1609/>
- Linguistic material from the tribes of southern Texas and northeastern Mexico, John Reed Swanton (Smithsonian Research Online)
<https://repository.si.edu/handle/10088/15429>
- LMU: Venegas Family Papers
<https://digitalcollections.lmu.edu/collections/venegas-family-papers>
- Lorena M. Parlee Collection (Portal to Texas History, UNT Libraries Special Collections)
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/LMPC/>
- LULAC Newsletters, 1931-2022
https://www.lulacnewsletters.com/?fbclid=IwAR3rwRX25Pg69r9CmWhtNW-ycd94jJO2GdoNOs-nX8f96-sbDn_0wYpsbl0
- Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America
https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/?fbclid=IwAR2kDrmSxZH-xY_kkITh-kIL9n1T3FZTId_BWYWqbOOH_BepE2P1RABaAgM#loc=12/31.74/-106.468&city=el-paso-tx&text=intro&adviewer=sidebar
- Mexican American Art Since 1848
<https://maas1848.umn.edu/s/mexican-american-art-since-1848/page/home?fbclid=IwAR0YIFJTnJkMPwyCbNVXDw-2RPPdXkSoPeMrjJ2vNq1sOFkXcY2J8eBvSQA>
- Mexican American Family and Photo Collection (Portal to Texas History)
https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/MAFP/browse/?fq=untl_institution:HMRC
- Mexican Migration Project (OPR Princeton) <https://opr.princeton.edu/archive/mmp/>
- NAACS Annual Conference Proceedings (San Jose State University Scholar Works)
<https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/nacacs/>
- Onda Latina: The Mexican American Experience
http://www.laits.utexas.edu/onda_latina/
- Paso del Norte Entrepreneurship Oral History Project (University of Texas at El Paso)
<https://scholarworks.utep.edu/entrepreneur/>
- Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Digital Collections
<https://usldhrecovery.uh.edu/>
- Relaciones Geográficas (LLILAS Benson Digital Scholarship, UT Austin)
<https://sites.utexas.edu/llilasbensonds/projects/relaciones-geograficas/>
- Robert E. Lee Mexican War Maps
<https://digitalcollections.vmi.edu/digital/collection/p15821coll10>
- Rudolfo Anaya Digital Archive (University of New Mexico) <https://anaya.unm.edu/>
- Santa Barbara Black Lives Matter Community Archives Project
<https://www.library.ucsb.edu/santa-barbara-black-lives-matter-community-archives-project>
- Santiago Tafolla Collection (The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University Libraries)
[https://dc.library.txstate.edu/search?search_api_fulltext=&f\[1\]=member_of%3A5&f\[0\]=member_of%3A505](https://dc.library.txstate.edu/search?search_api_fulltext=&f[1]=member_of%3A5&f[0]=member_of%3A505)
- Somos Latinas Project Oral Histories (Wisconsin Historical Society)
<https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/p15932coll15>
- Texas State University Libraries: Digital Collections <https://dc.library.txstate.edu/>

- The Chicano Movement in Colorado: Primary Sources
<https://simmonslibguides.com/c.php?g=895319&p=6457484>
- The Documented Border: An Open Access Digital Archive
<https://speccoll.library.arizona.edu/online-exhibits/exhibits/show/documented-border/intro>
- UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Oral History Series
<https://www.chicano.ucla.edu/publications/oral-histories>
- UCLA: The Strachwitz Frontera Collection <https://frontera.library.ucla.edu/>
- United Fronteras US-Mexico Exhibit
https://unitedfronteras.github.io/ufexhibition_mexusa/
- Voces Oral History Center (The University of Texas at Austin)
<https://voces.lib.utexas.edu/>
- UT San Antonio Digital Special Collections
<https://digital.utsa.edu/?fbclid=IwAR1V0SdLzO0aVlcvm754GJmuq-WAT5EcSjY6rHlnGc3tHaowjP01usiOaM>

Online Digital Archival Repositories Commonly Held by Some (not all) University Libraries

- Arte Público Press/ Arte Público Hispanic Historical Collection Series 1 & 2 (EBSCO)
- Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980 (Newsbank)
- Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)
- Latino-Hispanic American Experience Series 1 & 2 (EBSCO)
- Latino Literature (ProQuest)
- Texas Borderlands Newspaper Collection

Lists of Potential Databases (some of these lists include digital and non-digital resources)

- Calisphere: University of California <https://calisphere.org/>
- CSU Fullerton: The Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History: Latino History Collections <https://coph.fullerton.edu/collections/latinohistory.php>
- Database of Baptism, Marriage, and Burial Records from California Missions (The Huntington Library) <https://www.huntington.org/ecpp>
- Mexican American/Chicano/Latino Studies Research Tool <http://www.mas-latino.com/>
- Online Archive of California <https://oac.cdlib.org/>
- Our Lady of the Lake University: Chicano Movement Online Collections
<https://libguides.ollusa.edu/c.php?g=296664&p=1979050>
- Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO) <https://txarchives.org/home>
- Texas Tech University Libraries: Mexican American & Latina/o Studies Resources
<https://guides.library.ttu.edu/c.php?g=936633&p=6750784>
- The University of Texas Arlington: Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, and Latinx History in the Archives: Additional Resources
<https://libguides.uta.edu/c.php?g=1006646&p=7292881>
- The University of Texas at Austin: Benson Latin American Collection
<https://www.lib.utexas.edu/about/locations/benson>
- The University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries: Latino/Latina/Hispanic Studies
<https://libguides.utsa.edu/latino>
- The University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries: American Indian History
<https://libguides.utsa.edu/c.php?g=524277&p=3584888>

- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: Gloria Anzaldua Research Guide
<https://utrgv.libguides.com/SCA/gloria>
- University of North Texas: Latino and Latina Collections
<https://library.unt.edu/special-collections/archives-manuscripts/latino-latina/>

Primary Source Readers that may be of Interest

- American Yawp Primary Source Reader <http://www.americanyawp.com/reader.html>
- Chavez, Ernesto. *The U.S. War with Mexico: A Brief History with Documents*.
- Jaffaray, Nora E., Edward W. Osowski and Susie S. Porter, eds. *Mexican History: A Primary Source Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2010.
- *Major Problems in California History: Documents and Histories*.
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Chicano Movement Documents

- El Plan Espiritual de Aztlán
- El Plan de Santa Barbara
http://mechadeucdavis.weebly.com/uploads/9/7/0/4/9704129/el_plan_de_santa_barbara.pdf

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