The University of California, Riverside, Libraries and the Latin American Perspectives Collective of Coordinating Editors announce the Latin American Perspectives Visiting Fellowship Program to promote scholarly use of the Latin American collections at the University of California, Riverside.

This is a new opportunity to benefit scholars who study the progressive and revolutionary history of Latin America as preserved through the documentary treasures now housed in the Libraries. The Endowment Fund will be used to underwrite research fellowships to assist scholars to visit and use the in-depth Latin American collections, including the Chilcote Archives and the Latin American Perspectives (LAP) Archives, located at the University of California, Riverside Libraries as follows:

The Chilcote Archive and Latin American Perspectives Archive

Founding LAP Managing Editor Ronald Chilcote, recently donated to the UCR Libraries a sizeable and unique collection of books, serials, manuscripts and ephemera, including the archives of the Latin American Perspectives journal, from its founding in 1973 to 2000, as his unique collection on Américo Cabral and Guinea Bissau. These materials provide in-depth bibliographical coverage of Latin America, and are especially rich on the subjects of politics, foreign policy, economics, movements of historical resistance, labor, the Latin American left, covert action in Latin America, Northeastern Brazil, Brazilian Cordel literature, Central American political and resistance movements, and the countries of the Southern Cone. The archives primarily cover the period from the 1950s to the present and contain many unique items that are rarely found in U.S. research libraries. The LAP Archives contain the minutes, annual reports, manuscript files and other working documents related to the work of the Collective of Coordinating Editors and the published journal.

These outstanding new collections at UCR enable specialists in many fields to use the rich library resources of interest to scholars of Latin American, Portuguese, and Luso African history and politics, and scholars from the fields of economics, political science, ethnic studies, history and other areas in the social sciences and humanities. Donations of such substantive materials allow researchers to uncover new information, which provides the basis for new insights and analysis. The UCR Libraries offer access to these unique resources by supporting the work of visiting scholars and students.

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Latin American Collections

The Chilcote and LAP archival and book collections further strengthen and supplement the significant Latin American collections at the University of California, Riverside, consisting of more than 175,000 volumes, 227 currently received serial titles, and growing access to computer-based electronic resources. Areas of focus include all disciplines, with literature, the humanities and social sciences being most represented. The LAP collections contain in-depth holdings on Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil. The Paraguay collection is comprehensive and includes the Collected Works of Juan Silvano Godoi, Diaz Pérez, Julio César Chaves, Hugo Rodríguez-Alcázar, and the Archivo Político Agencia Noticiosa Paraguaya (pamphlets, newspapers and documents of the anti-Stroessner movement). The subject emphases for Mexico include literature, social sciences, agriculture and biology, art, cinema and photography. There is also exceptional coverage of filibustering in Mexico and Nicaragua, especially William Walker; Pre-Columbian codices in facsimile; and women. The Special Collections Dept. houses the Osuna Photographic Archives of the Mexican Revolution and the Topolobampo Colony. There are manuscript-level collections on the novelist B. Taven and the novelist and poet Dr. Tomás Rivera, a former Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside.

Fellowship Application Procedures

The Fellowships, up to $2,500 each, are meant to help defray expenses in traveling to the University of California, Riverside during the tenure of the Fellowship. The length of the fellowship will depend on the applicant's research proposal, but is normally one week to one month. The proposal should address specifically the relevance of the University of California, Riverside and University Libraries' collections to the proposed research. Prospective fellows are urged to consult the Libraries' catalog (http://loc8.library.ucr.edu) for information about the collections. In their proposals, applicants should address how they would use the Chilcote Archives, the LAP Archives, and the other Latin American resources at UCR.

Applicants are asked to submit an application form, a résumé, a budget, and a brief research proposal not exceeding three pages to the Fellowship Committee, Tomás Rivera Library, University of California, P.O. Box 5900, Riverside, CA 92517-5900. The applicant must also arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation. All materials related to the application must be postmarked no later than August 15. A committee consisting of faculty, library staff, and others will award the fellowships on the basis of the relevance of the proposal to unique holdings of the library, the merits and significance of the project, and the applicant’s scholarly qualifications. Awards will be made by October 1.

For additional information about the collections, contact Rhonda L. Neugebauer, Bibliographer, Latin American Studies.

About the Fellowship Endowment Fund

The Fellowship Endowment began in 1995 with a $30,000 matching grant. An additional $30,000 is needed to match this initial donation. Former graduate students of Professor Chilcote began raising money to support the Endowment. With this announcement, our goal is to widen the circle of supporters and donors to build the Fellowship Endowment to $100,000. This amount would annually provide support for travel to two or three scholars. Support of the Endowment will increase the assets of the endowment fund and will allow us to increase support. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged.

We invite you to join us in this exciting campaign by contributing to the LAP Fellowship Endowment Fund.

Donations may be made by filling out the form on the other side. For further information, please contact the University of California, Riverside, Libraries (http://library.ucr.edu).