



University of Miami Libraries CUBAN HERITAGE COLLECTION



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The Cuban Heritage Collection (CHC) at the University of Miami Libraries collects, preserves, and provides access to a vast repository of research resources related to Cuba and the Cuban diaspora.

Our programs support research, teaching, and learning at the University of Miami and beyond, creating opportunities for scholars and researchers from around the world to work closely with primary and secondary source materials.

The CHC is a resource for students and scholars, explorers of a rich history and creators of new knowledge about the Cuban experience.

▪ Collections

Our Collection spans more than four hundred years from the colonial period to the present, comprised of books, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audiovisual recordings, and digital resources. Home to the archives of political and literary figures, civic leaders, scholars, and organizations, the CHC preserves the most comprehensive body of research resources outside the island of Cuba.

▪ Research

Researchers can access original materials from our reading room, where subject specialist librarians provide one-on-one guidance to our resources and help identify opportunities for collaboration and networking. CHC's website provides access to collection catalogs, research guides, and digital holdings.

University faculty work with librarians on integrating Collection resources with teaching objectives, putting original materials in the hands of students, which expands their critical thinking skills and inspires new avenues of inquiry.

▪ Programs

The CHC offers cultural and educational programs that connect its resources and services to the local community and the broader scholarly network.

Through community-centered oral history projects, CHC has captured and preserved personal testimonies that further deepen the historical record and have been made available online. Such projects are possible thanks largely to the efforts of student assistants and interns who gain valuable work experience as they help carry out the Collection's mission.

▪ Support

We continue to enhance the quality of our Collection thanks to the generous support of families and organizations that donate their archives. Gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations contribute to the success of our programs by funding fellowships, digitization and cataloging efforts, exhibitions and events.

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