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# CURRENT RESEARCH INVENTORY

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In the present volume LARR initiates a change in its current Research Inventory section. The Research Inventory is now published only once a year, in the final number of each volume, rather than in three installments broken down along regional lines.

This change has saved LARR time and energy in mailings and record-keeping and has allowed us to do away with the arbitrary geographical research divisions. It is hoped that this restructuring will also provide a more useful survey of Latin American research with all current projects listed together in one issue.

The Current Research Inventory for 1972 is a compilation of Latin American research projects now in progress in the Americas. It seeks to provide a complete and systematic listing of all post-doctoral projects in the humanities, social sciences, and natural and applied sciences. (Studies in the natural sciences are reported only if they are concerned with ecology and the environment.)

All work described in the following pages is actually in progress at this time. The Inventory does not list research which has already been published by the time it comes to our attention, or projects which have come to a permanent or temporary standstill. Space limitations further require that we exclude dissertations, theses, and undergraduate research.

A regular feature of the *Latin American Research Review* is the Inventory Post Script. This final section of the Research Inventory includes notices of projects described in past issues of LARR which are now available in published form.

Details of research included in the Inventory come from bulletins, reports, and, primarily, from questionnaires sent every January to individual researchers. Requests for questionnaires are appreciated and immediately honored.

Research Inventory projects are organized by discipline within the broad categories of: The Arts, Language and Literature, Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Collections and Interdisciplinary studies. Disciplines in which there is a large number of projects underway have been broken down according to the region studied: the Antilles, North America, Central America, South America, and General Latin America (which also includes multi-country studies). Information in the individual listing is given in the following order:

1. Principal researcher

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2. University or institutional affiliation
3. Co-researchers
4. Title of project
5. Description
6. Date research was begun and expected date of completion (EDC), *fecha aproximada de terminación* (FAT), or *data aproximada de conclusão* (DAC)
7. Related research
8. Source of financial support

An index to all projects listed in the Current Research Inventory is included on pp. 235–237. The index is organized by the country or geographical area under study.

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