I. Institutional updates:

UConn: digitization projects, newspapers and government documents

Yale: focus on Cuba right now with Council on LA Studies: courses, trips, acquisitions

IAI: 1 millionth book acquired; 3-5,000 new serial titles each year; negotiating for a collection of Spanish popular serials 1700-1960s

University of London (new member!) Laurence Byrne: Institute of LA Studies, their library became part of the University of London research library; LA political pamphlets 1960s-1990s, in process of digitization

Penn: Joe is now part of Area Studies. Art librarian (new) is giving more attention to Latin America

Dominican Institute (CUNY): NEH grant for digital space for Dominican music in the US. First blacks in the Americas website is out now: 71 packages of early colonial documents. Scholars are coming to library on research grants.

Harvard: buying a lot of Cuban/Afro-Cuban materials, slavery documents. Digitizing the Escoto collection of Cuban history and literature 1500-1810; joining ReCAP.

NYU: Estela Bravo filmmaker digitization/preservation of materials; indigenous film collection from the Smithsonian – currently doing outreach for permissions to the filmmakers; NEH grant application documentary educational resources for union catalog bringing together ethnographic and indigenous film information; involved in NEH grant application to Jane Alexander intellectual property rights expert on indigenous cultural material

Yale Law Library: added children’s materials about the law from Puerto Rico

Pitt: new director, big library renovation
Rutgers: libraries has not been getting needed funding—little contribution to the regional collection—Melissa is moving to NYPL as assistant director of research services July 5; not clear whether they will rehire for her position.

Peter Johnson: take note of the Dan Hazen fellowship for research and development for SALALM members—consider applying for funding for research or prof development—new award SALALM institutional collaborative award—will award money for collaborative projects between Latin American and North American or European institutions—institutional award, project director has to be a SAALLM member—way to invest in joint projects.

SUNY Albany: each major has to develop an information literacy program, Jesús worked on LA Studies—integrated with 300-level courses (not one-offs)—approved at the university level, some departments doing it without the library.

Penn State: many new positions in the functional specialist mode; recently found materials from Peru and Bolivia in special collections that were previously unknown, will start an inventory and maybe future digitization.

II. Fall meeting:

a. Location: Columbia. We discussed meeting in New York every other year, alternating with another location so that we get the chance to visit each other’s institutions.

b. Jana Krentz will serve as the chair at the fall meeting, as Jill will be out on maternity leave.

c. Sócrates sent out possible dates (July 20) please respond by July 28

III. Web collecting/web archiving

a. Background on project at Columbia (Sócrates)—Columbia has an infrastructure for web archiving/web collecting, and the coordinator seeks input as to topics and themes to collect.

b. LANE could offer recommendations for a web archiving project. What are the topics and themes we might want to suggest? Examples: electoral materials; Latin American government documents, women’s issues, LGBTQ issues? Here
are examples of some of the collections:

https://library.columbia.edu/bts/web_resources_collection.html

c. Would be great to invite web archivist to the fall meeting and continue the conversation.

IV. Print backfiles of journals

We ran out of time and did not get to discuss this item. (General discussion about space constraints in our libraries and the feasibility of a shared print retention agreement of journal backfiles in Latin American, Latino/a, Caribbean Studies)

V. Sarah Aponte will send a list of Dominican authors to the group.