

## **Who Are We Really?: Latin American Family, Local and Micro-Regional Histories and Their Impact on Understanding Ourselves**

The 59th Annual Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) will be held May 10-14, 2014 at the Radisson Downtown in Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme of the conference is *Family, Local and Micro-Regional Histories and Their Impact on Understanding Ourselves*.

Focusing on family, local and micro-regional historical resources and their place in the scholarship will allow SALALM to explore how these resources add to the discussion of genealogical data (how families represent themselves and how governments record vital statistics to document growth of population and guarantee certain rights for citizens as well as attempts to document non-citizens), racial & ethnic identity (how people view themselves and how they are viewed by others) and how that perceived identity conflicts with perceptions of governments (citizenship and rights guaranteed to people based on racial & ethnic identity).

The conference will consist of panels and workshops as well as practical issues of librarianship related to the theme. Possible ideas for panels would be to explore how libraries are discovering, acquiring, organizing, and promoting the study of family, local and micro-regional histories. These unique resources provide a wealth of primary and secondary resources, allowing interested individuals the opportunity to understand themselves from a local or more immediate perspective—what is happening in their homes, neighborhoods, communities, towns, and states. They also provide scholars with a context for understanding macro-level socioeconomic, historic and demographic patterns of Latin America and Spain. Also of interest are panels in which book dealers and librarians who are experienced members share with new SALALM members their knowledge of book collecting, publishing & distribution patterns, aspects of the academic book trade in the various countries or regions of Latin America and Spain.

Interested presenters and panel organizers should contact the 2013-2014 SALALM President with proposals:

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