



Immigration in the Newberry Collection

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Immigrant Communities in Chicago

Gomberg-Muñoz, Ruth. *Labor and Legality : an Ethnography of a Mexican Immigrant Network*. An ethnography of undocumented immigrants who work as busboys at a Chicago-area restaurant in the 2000s, with a review of the political and historical circumstances of undocumented migration. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. **Call #: HD8081.M6 G63 2011**

Libman, Jeff. *An Immigrant Class: Oral Histories from Chicago's Newest Immigrants*. Chicago: Flying Kite, 2004. Interviews with immigrants from Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Romania, Cuba, Afghanistan, Peru, Belarus, Tibet, Colombia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sudan, Brazil, Chile, Iraq, Mexico, Albania, Argentina, Iran, and Haiti. **Call #: Chicago Browsing F548.9.A1 L53 2004**

Ling, Huping. *Chinese Chicago: Race, Transnational Migration, and Community Since 1870*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2012. **Call #: Chicago Browsing F548.9.C5 L56**

Local Community Fact Books. An invaluable resource for studying Chicago neighborhoods, these books allow examination of demographics of neighborhoods—looking at both a particular neighborhood over time, and comparing neighborhood to neighborhood—across the twentieth century. **Call #s: folio H 2896 .976 (1938), H 2896 .978 (1949), H 2896 .392 (1953), folio HA730.C5 L63 1984, Chicago Browsing HA730.C5 L63 1995**

Archival Collections

Polish Women's Alliance of America Records. Records of a national fraternal organization headquartered in Park Ridge, Illinois, for Polish-American women that provided insurance and other financial services for its members. Includes constitutions and bylaws, insurance applications, indexes and rosters, loan records and other materials providing individual genealogical information for Polish-American women. This material is unprocessed; and is available by appointment only. **Email reference@newberry.org if interested in viewing this collection.**

Hermann Raster Papers. The papers of a German immigrant “Forty-Eighter,” editor of *New York Abendzeitung* and *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*. Many of the letters in the collection are in German, written by prominent German-American and German editors, professors, diplomats, singers and authors. There are also letters in English from important Chicagoans covering topics such as the fledgling Chicago Public library, immigration laws, the Chicago Board of Education, anti-temperance and the Republican Platform. **Online inventory: https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Raster.xml**

Tia Chucha Press Records. The records of a small press publishing company founded in Chicago by poet and activist Luis Rodriguez, the son of first generation Mexican immigrants. The mission statement of Tia Chucha was to publish, "quality, cross-cultural voices in

literature," and, "offer a window into worlds often neglected by most mainstream media and publishing."

Online inventory: https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/TiaChucha.xml

Reference Sources

Bankston III, Carl L. *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. Pasadena: Salem Press, 2010. A three-volume encyclopedia covering topics to the present day. **Call #:** **Local History Ref JV6465 .E53 2010**

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant & Ethnic Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000. Some specifics have been changed by the digitization of records on sites such as Ancestry.com, but this is a good methodological guide to looking for records on immigrant ancestors. **Call #:** **Local History Ref CS49 .C384 2000**

Cohen, Robin. *The Cambridge Survey of World Migration*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995. A good overview of the history of migrations worldwide. **Call #:** **JV6021 .C35 1995**

Tanner, Helen Hornbeck. *The Settling of North America: The Atlas of the Great Migrations into North America from the Ice Age to Present*. New York: Macmillan, 1995. Visual representations of the waves of migration to North America. **Call #:** **Ref G1106.E27 S4 1995**

Digital Resources

Foreign Language Press Survey. The Chicago Foreign Language Press Survey is a collection of translated newspaper articles originally published in Chicago's ethnic press between the 1860s and the 1930s. The Chicago Public Library administered the project that created this collection in the 1930s with funding from the U.S. Federal Works Progress Administration. Translators and editors organized nearly 50,000 articles from 22 ethnic groups according to a hierarchical subject scheme created for the project. **Available online:** <http://flps.newberry.org/> .

Digital Collections for the Classroom: An educational resource designed for teachers and students featuring primary sources from the Newberry's holdings, contextual essays, and discussion questions. **Available online:** <http://dcc.newberry.org/> . Relevant collections include "Immigration and Citizenship in the United States, 1865-1924," "Chicago and the Great Migration, 1915-1950," and "The Jungle and the Community: Workers and Reformers in Turn-of-the-Century Chicago."

Searching in the Catalog

The Newberry holds a wealth of material related to immigration, particularly to the United States and Canada. The following search terms and strategies are particularly useful in looking for material in the Newberry's online catalog:

United States—Emigration and immigration
Search as a subject, along with the country of origin
Search for racial and ethnic groups: e. g.,
"Mexican Americans"

Adapt this formulation for other racial and ethnic groups: African-Americans, Irish Americans, Chinese Americans, etc.

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