

Preface

During the twentieth century, university libraries made impressive advances in the production and dissemination of bibliographic information. The development of the internet Open Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) at universities throughout the world and the increasing use of the International Standard Book Description (ISBD) for more precise cataloguing of materials greatly facilitate the work of researchers. Modern library catalogues supersede serial or occasional printed catalogues of dissertations and are the most reliable source of information, other than available copies of dissertations, since cataloguing is accomplished with the dissertations in hand. During the twenty-first century, publication of theses in electronic format is becoming the norm. National and International networks of library catalogues, data bases of electronic publications, and institutional repositories have been formed. The bibliographic entries in some library catalogues also contain abstracts of dissertations and/or links to electronic publications. In this bibliography, links are provided to the search page of these library catalogues, so that the user must enter the author's name or at least part of the title to gain access to detailed information or an abstract of a thesis. Some links go directly to the text of the thesis, while others reach lists of theses arranged in alphabetical or chronological order. Sometimes the computer's search function will find a reference quickly in long lists. The researcher may be able to obtain a faster download of a thesis by copying, pasting, and entering the link information provided in this bibliography directly to the search page rather than clicking on the link.

Gray literature has become much more accessible and at the same time more overwhelming in quantity. Automated indexing of this vast body of information sometimes complicates investigation by yielding large amounts of data not sought by the researcher. The improvements in library science methods are sometimes overlooked in resources produced with information technology. The purpose of this bibliography is to bring together widely scattered information on Hispanic language and literature which has been consolidated, analyzed, and classified in the index, where the user should be able to search a topic in a matter of minutes. The information reported here

may reveal "overworked" areas and suggest new directions for future research.

This bibliography of 7022 doctoral dissertations that were defended in universities of Latin America since 1869 is limited to studies on three Ibero-Romance languages and their literature: Spanish [Castilian], Catalan, and Galician. Also included are theses on the relationships of these languages and literatures with those of other nations and on literary portrayals of Hispanic countries, customs, or people in other literatures. Studies on the development of native Iberian genres in world literature, such as the picaresque, and themes, such as Don Juan, are listed here. A few dissertations which survey the literature and cultures of Iberian and Ibero-American ethnic minorities are included because of the influence which the latter exerted on Castilian, Catalan, Galician or other literatures and cultures. The scope of this bibliography also covers studies on bilingualism and pedagogy involving Castilian, Catalan, or Galician and a few on aspects of the teaching and acquisition of second languages in general, because the research described in the title is believed to be applicable to any modern Iberian language. Dissertations on theories and techniques of translation, as well as evaluations and surveys of translations, form part of the compilation. Studies and editions of documents, chronicles and histories of the Middle Ages are included because of the linguistic or literary information which they may contain. Theses on book publication, library collections, archives, and the historical, cultural, or linguistic aspects of cinema, television, radio, and the press are also indexed, as well as those which deal with certain cultural, religious, or political institutions and phenomena which influenced Hispanic culture and literature. The reception of Hispanic literature in other cultures and the reception of other literatures in the Hispanic geographical areas fall within the scope of this bibliography.

The first part of the bibliography contains entries arranged alphabetically by the names of the authors of the dissertations. For the author references and the index, the order of the English alphabet is employed without consideration of accents and diacritical marks. The subject index contains main entries for the names of literary writers, the titles of their works, the genres, and the significant concepts which appear in dissertation titles and library catalogues. Anonymous works are listed by title as main entries. General surveys of the literature of single countries are arranged under the name of the country or the adjective derived from it. The main entries for genres or movements do not include listings of individual authors unless the

titles or annotations relate them explicitly to the genres or movements.

Language and linguistic studies on general topics are listed under the name of the specific language (Catalan language, Galician language, Spanish language) or group of languages (Romance languages, Ibero-Romance languages, Hispanic languages). Dissertations on specific philological or linguistic areas are indexed in main entries: Bilingualism, Comparative/contrastive studies, Linguistic study, Morphology, Phonetics, Phonology, Semantics, Syntax, etc. The theses that employ the terms "português arcaico" and "português medieval" in their titles include in the corpus works written in galego-português.

The dissertations in this bibliography, in addition to being required for an earned doctorate, display three necessary elements: author's name, title of the thesis, name of the institution that accepted the thesis. The date of defense or conferral of the degree and pagination are sometimes unavailable. Published versions of dissertations with ISBN numbers are listed for those found by the closing date of December 31, 2016. However, no attempt was made to locate published articles derived from the theses, but abstracts are listed when this information is readily available. The user should be aware that the information given in this bibliography comes from several sources, and names are sometimes abbreviated or reported in different ways in various resources. This fact may cause problems for internet access to library records or to the brief summaries cited, in which case a search by a few words in the title of a work may yield positive results. In spite of the amazing amount of information to be found in the internet resources, the researcher should be aware that sites change content or location frequently and sometimes disappear. Dissertations completed in universities at two groups of non-Hispanic islands in close proximity to Latin America, L'Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and The University of the West Indies, are included in the bibliography.

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