The Archives of the Puerto Rican Diaspora, known as Centro Archives, collect, preserve and make available for research unique primary materials that document the history and culture of the Puerto Rican Diaspora with a concentration on New York City. Among the collections are the records of community based, legal, educational, cultural, civil rights organizations, the papers of activists, writers, artists, scholars, educators and elected officials.

With the establishment of the archives in 1989, a new page turned in the history of Centro. Two unprocessed collections, those of Jesús Colón and Justo A. Martí (1983 and 1984), were the foundation upon which the archives would be built. Since then, the archives have become a repository recognized world-wide for documenting Puerto Rican experience in United States.

Finding aids, guides to the collections, are available for processed collections and are online. These guides provide historical and biographical information, as well as a description and detailed listing of a collection’s content. There are inventories and databases that are also available for other collections upon request. Information on archival holdings can also be accessed through CUNY+ and other national databases.

For more information, please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions page.

The Centro Archives is available for use by appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact Pedro Juan Hernández, Senior Archivist, at (212) 396-7877 or by e-mail at dhernand@hunter.cuny.edu