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The Latin American Collections in the Special & Area Studies Collections Department, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida are proud to announce the online launch of the *Diario de Pernambuco*, starting with the first issue on November 7, 1825 through March 1863.

The *Diario de Pernambuco*is acknowledged as the oldest newspaper in circulation in Latin America.  The issues from 1825-1923 offer insights into early Brazilian commerce, social affairs, politics, family life, slavery, and such. Published in the port of Recife, Brazil, the *Diario* contains numerous announcements of maritime movements, crop production, legal affairs, and cultural matters. The 19th century includes reporting on the rise of Brazilian nationalism as the Empire gave way to the earliest expressions of the Brazilian republic. The 1910s and 1920s are years of economic and artistic change, with surging exports of sugar and coffee pushing revenues and allowing for rapid expansions of infrastructure, popular expression, and national politics.

 See the *Diario de Pernambuco* in the UF Smathers Libraries’ South American Digital Collections here: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00011611>

 The *Diario de Pernambuco* is held by very few libraries, and only on microfilm, making it difficult to conduct research and even to access this important publication. Recognizing this critical need, Richard Phillips, Head of the Latin American Collections at UF, proposed and was awarded funding to conduct the first phase of this project. The first phase of the digital project to digitize the*Diario de Pernambuco* is now complete with the first issue from November 7, 1825 through March 1863 now all openly online for worldwide access. The Latin American Collection has submitted a proposal for funding a second phase of this important project.

Funding for the digitization of *Diario de Pernambuco* provided by LAMP (formerly known as the Latin American Microform Project), which is coordinated by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), Global Resources Network. Ongoing support for the open, full, and free online access and permanent digital preservation provided by the UF Smathers Libraries.

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