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**UNIVERSITY PRESSES OFFER BOOKS TO INCREASE  
UNDERSTANDING OF MEXICO**

*The Political, Social, and Economic Background to Mexico's Current  
Events is Subject of New Bibliographic Guide*

NEW YORK (January 9, 2007) – 2006 was a year of increased turmoil in Mexico, seeing a disputed presidential election, civil unrest in Oaxaca, and a continuing stalemate on immigration reforms with the USA. Understanding the deep political, social, and historical roots and contexts for the events of 2006 is the purpose of the new “Books for Understanding: Mexico” bibliographic resource published today by the Association of American University Presses.

*Books for Understanding* offers a broad and deep compilation of scholarly resources on Mexico:

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This bibliography is a free service from the AAUP, intended for librarians, journalists, researchers, and teachers, as well as the general public.

Mexico also has a fascinating and rich cultural legacy, from Pre-Columbian civilizations to some of the twentieth-century's most admired artists and writers to culinary traditions that have spread world-wide. This cultural history is also covered extensively by the more than 300 works of history, analysis, criticism, and literature found on “Books for Understanding: Mexico.”

The list is launched with more than 300 titles from 27 presses, including:

- *The Mexico Reader: History, Culture, Politics*, edited by Gilbert M. Joseph and Timothy J. Henderson (Duke University Press, 2002)
- *The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1940*, by Michael J. Gonzales (University of New Mexico, 2002)
- *Electoral Competition and Institutional Change in Mexico*, by Caroline C. Beer (University of Notre Dame Press, 2003)
- *Subcommander Marcos: The Man and the Mask*, by Nick Henck (Duke University Press, July 2007)
- *Eat Smart in Mexico: How to Decipher the Menu, Know the Market Foods & Embark on a Tasting Adventure*, by Joan and David Peterson (University of Wisconsin Press, 2005)
- *Hurricanes and Carnivals: Essays by Chicanos, Pochos, Pachucos, Mexicanos, and Expatriates*, edited by Lee Gutkind (University of Arizona Press, March 2007)

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