

Uncovering CUNY TV's Audiovisual Heritage

Report for 2021 June

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Project Dashboard: <https://github.com/cunytv/uncoveringcunytv>

Note: This report may reference previous reports, all of which can be accessed by following this link (<https://github.com/cunytv/UncoveringCUNYTV/tree/main/MonthlyReports>) or by contacting library@tv.cuny.edu with an access request.

Overall Progress

- Fifty-eight tapes were digitized in the month of June, mostly from the HoMoVISIONES collections.
- An interim report was sent to CLIR for the Uncovering CUNY's AV Heritage project. The report summarizes much of these monthly reports.
- Aida Garrido, has begun an internship captioning and describing the HoMoVISIONES collection. Alternative workflows for captioning in this context are being worked out.
- Kelly Haydon and Catriona Schlosser began attending the 10 week Python course they received DPOE-N funding to attend.
- As CUNY TV prepares to move staff back into the building full time, engineers have been stretched thin preparing the space. The two Umatic decks that need to be maintenance have received some service in the last week of June, but we are still operating on just one deck with several hundred U-matics to digitize.
- Catriona cleared space in the storage room for incoming City Club tapes.

Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College Collections

- 56 HoMoVISIONES tapes have been digitized, this number would have been higher except a small number had to be retransferred due to audio issues with the equipment.
- An episode of HoMoVISIONES was screened on June 24th as part of Spectacle Theatre's Pride programming.
- Two episodes have been captioned by our summer Intern with a goal of 20 videos before the summer's end.

Baruch College Collections

- No updates at this time. Some tapes that were previously captioned have to be re-captioned before upload. Hopefully, those will go up in July.

Bronx Community College Collections

- No updates at this time. Collection managers will be contacted in early August regarding the next steps.

Cinema Then/Cinema Now

- Most of the episodes have been added to the CUNY TV website in some form, either as description-only records or records with video.
- Two tapes that were previously difficult to transfer were re-transferred this month.
- Next steps: Upload remaining captioned file, reach out to subject librarians, continue outreach on social media.

City Club

- Only a hand full of tapes have been inventoried in the archive's Filemaker database. The boxes were initially moved directly from the City Club offices to Iron Mountain.
- Space in the CUNY TV storage room will need to be made before we can recall the boxes off-site and perform inventory.

John Jay College Collections

- No updates at this time. Collection managers will be contacted in early July regarding the next steps.

Medgar Evers College Collection

- After a number of bakes, The Jazz Worker, Blacks in Politics, and Izwe Lethu were digitized. However, the Black History Month Faculty Poetry series have severe soft binder syndrome and only one tape was transferred. The collection should be ready to return to Medgar Evers by the end of July.