

Uncovering CUNY TV's Audiovisual Heritage

Report for 2021 July

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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-two tapes were digitized in the month of July, all from the HoMoVISIONES collections.
- Kelly was on vacation the first two weeks of July. Digitization slowed during that time, but captioning and post-digital processing and captioning continued.
- Nour Sleiman, a student in the CUNY Recovery Corps program, is working on captioning as part of a summer student worker program.
- After some compatibility issues with vrecord, all capture computers were upgraded to the latest version of Catalina.

Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College Collections

- 52 HoMoVISIONES tapes have been digitized bringing us to about 119 episodes.
- Many episodes reused content from previous episode so it is difficult to know for sure if a tape is a duplicate, but we are doing our best to identify them.
- The Spectacle screening of HoMoVISIONES last month generated some interest. Spectacle would like to screen two-three episodes in the Fall. A researcher has requested access for more files to possibly screen as part of NALAC Latinx Summit 2021 in September.
- Five episodes have been captioned in Spanish, but we have decided to prioritize description given there is almost no information written on the tapes. Titles will be in English and Spanish, though we kept the descriptions in English and hope Hunter can do more translation work at a later date.

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

- Twenty boxes of tapes were recalled from off-site storage and moved to the storage room on floor X. The summer student worker has inventoried about a quarter of the collection. When that is complete, we will move on to digitization.

John Jay College Collections

- The collection manager was contacted and it was decided that we would connect in September, after CUNY they are back from vacation.

Medgar Evers College Collection

- No updates at this tape. Most tapes have been digitized but many need more post-digitization processing than time has allowed at the moment.