

Uncovering CUNY TV's Audiovisual Heritage

Report for 2021 November

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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

- 18 tapes digitized (18 assets)
- 802 tapes transferred total since October 2020 (720 Assets).
- New computer equipment for digitization stations was purchased (mac minis and black magic capture cards).
- An option for dual-channel mono has been added to the ingest workflow. This will allow dual-channel mono recordings to be downmixed to stereo for the derivatives. The preservation master will retain dual-channel mono status.
- The focus of these final months was access rather than digitization. We wrapped up Internet Archive uploads for HoMoVISIONES and Cinema Then, Cinema Now.
- Two U-Matic decks remain inoperable but there has been some progress. While flip did get some work done in October and early November, repair work seems to have stalled.

Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College Collections

- 18 tapes were transferred from the CentroPR collection
- A consumer VHS from the Engineering department was secured for the number of tapes recorded in LP mode. However, it does not seem to work.
- 7 HoMoVISIONES tapes were uploaded to Archive.Org.

Baruch College Collections

- No updates at this time.

Bronx Community College Collections

- The collection manager was contacted about the next steps but there are no updates at this time.

Cinema Then/Cinema Now

- Roughly 75% of eligible episodes have been uploaded to Archive.Org
- About 10 digital assets are marked as containing errors and need to be investigated before they can be uploaded.

City Club

- No tapes were digitized this month. With most of the “big names” in the collection digitization and the length and condition of each time, we are slowing down on digitization in favor of finishing up the outside collections.

John Jay College Collections

- Pickup has been pushed back by John Jay to staffing needs.
- We provided John Jay with a shortlist of duplicate titles held at CUNY TV so they can more successfully identify tapes from Criminal Justice Up Close (and not tapes from Criminal Justice Matters, the current series).

Medgar Evers College Collection

- Medgar Evers tapes have been packaged, reviewed, and ready to go. A pickup meeting was set up but pushed back to December due to a COVID scare.
- A preservation report has been started for posterity at the Charles Innis library.

*Numbers may fluctuate slightly from month to month as some assets are deemed not eligible for digitization, and others either cannot be digitized for conservation reasons or need to be re-digitized after failing quality control.