

Audiovisual Preservation at
Universities and University
Libraries: Where do we go
from here?

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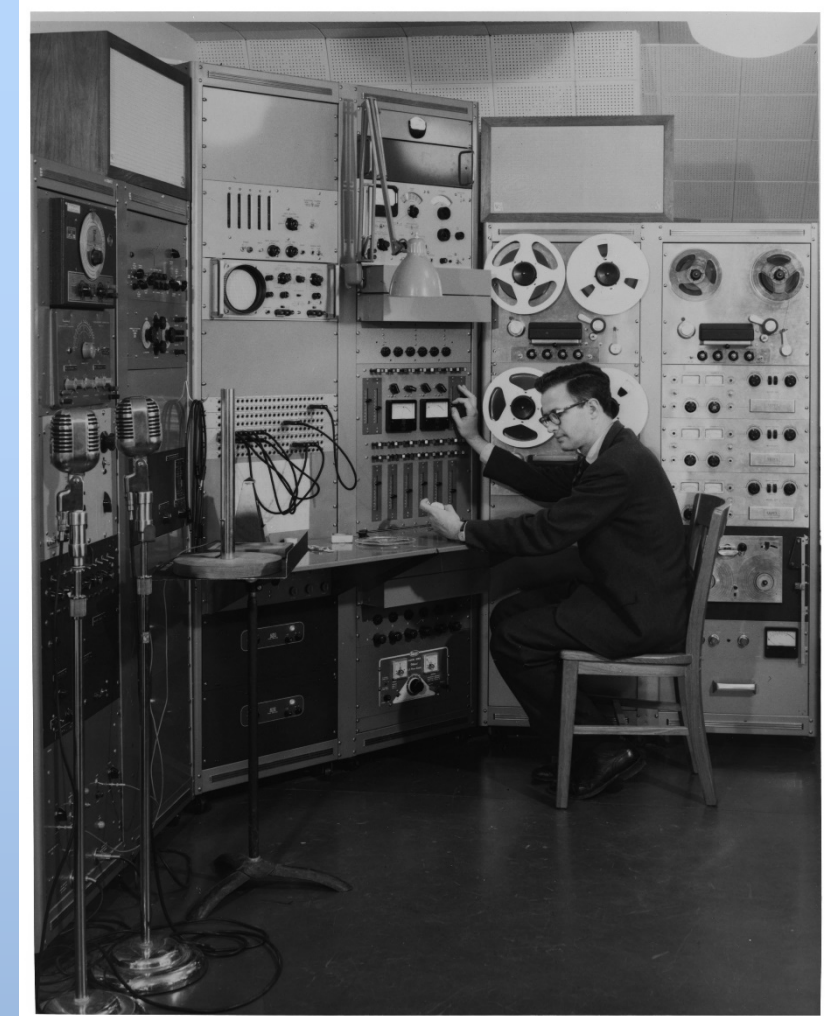
Recent AVPS Paper: “Academic libraries and archives/museums hold the highest quantities of *sound* recordings in the US.”



Photo: Media found on campus during University of Illinois Media Census, 2013

Categories of Media Usage At Universities

- Teaching and Learning
- Documentation
- Research
- Production
- Broadcast
- Collecting and Acquisition



Photos: (L) Visual Aids Storehouse, 1971, University of Illinois (closed 1992); (R) Lejaren Hiller in electronic music studio, University of Illinois, 1960

- Institutional priorities: How are libraries changing and where do audiovisual collections fall within in the spectrum of this quickly changing landscape.
- New technologies: How are libraries embracing new technologies in terms of both collections care and their user services.
- What does the future look like in terms of financial support and funding for AV preservation and archiving?
- What does the future look like for education, training and specifically, access to hand-on experiences for future AV archivists and preservationists.
- What does the future hold for larger scale cross-institutional collaboration

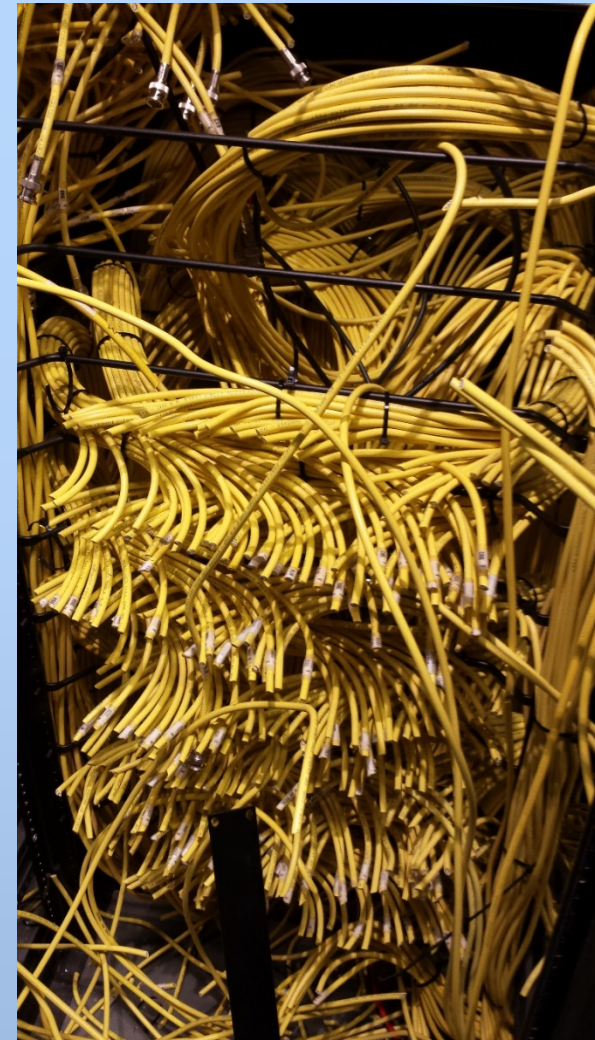


Institutional Priorities

- Proper staffing and personnel for A/V is vital, yet inconsistent and often overlooked
 - Example: Data curation and Digital Preservation vs. Media Preservation
- While growing, programmatic approaches to A/V is still quite low



Technology and Migration Outlook



Photos: (L) Discarded analog video equipment, Champaign, IL, 2016. (R) Television station closure, Chicago, IL, 2016

- Identified **408,492+** physical A/V assets Held in 102 (17%) campus units



- Analog Materials Transferred to Digital Format:

<1%!!



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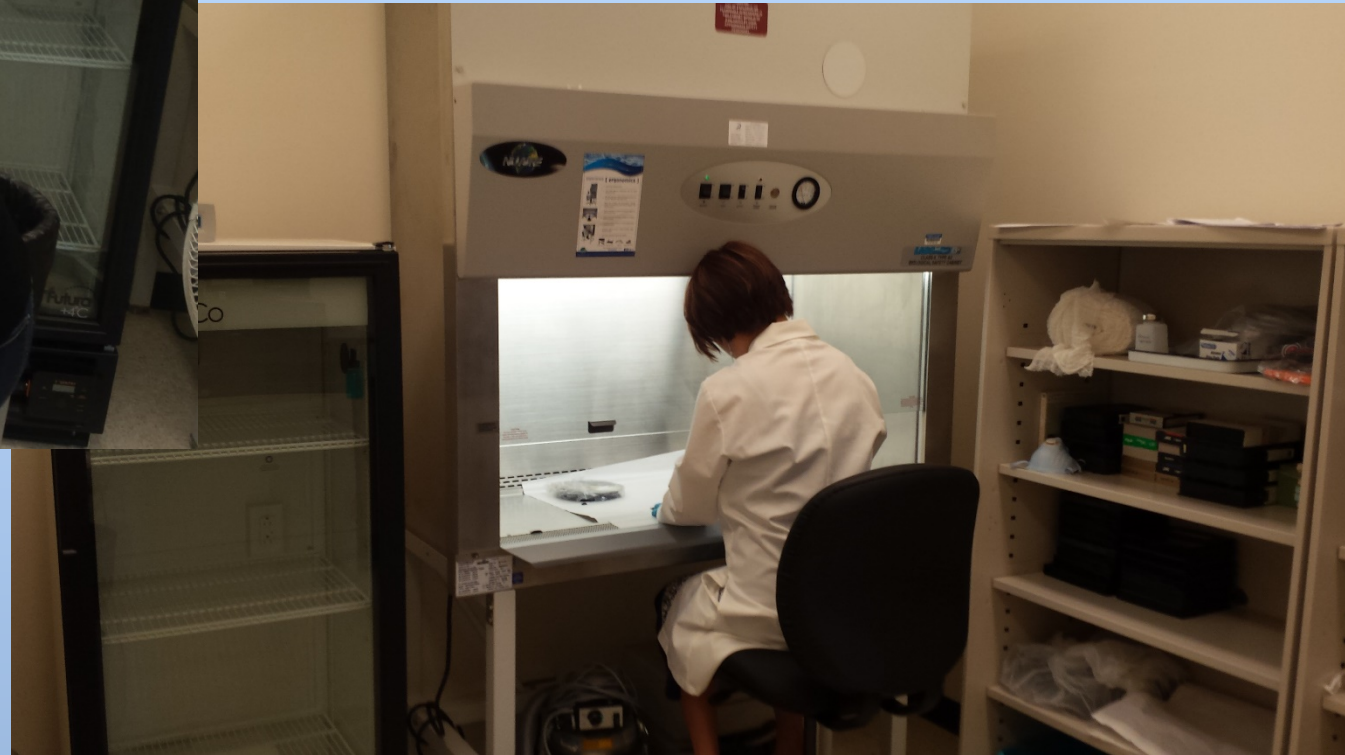
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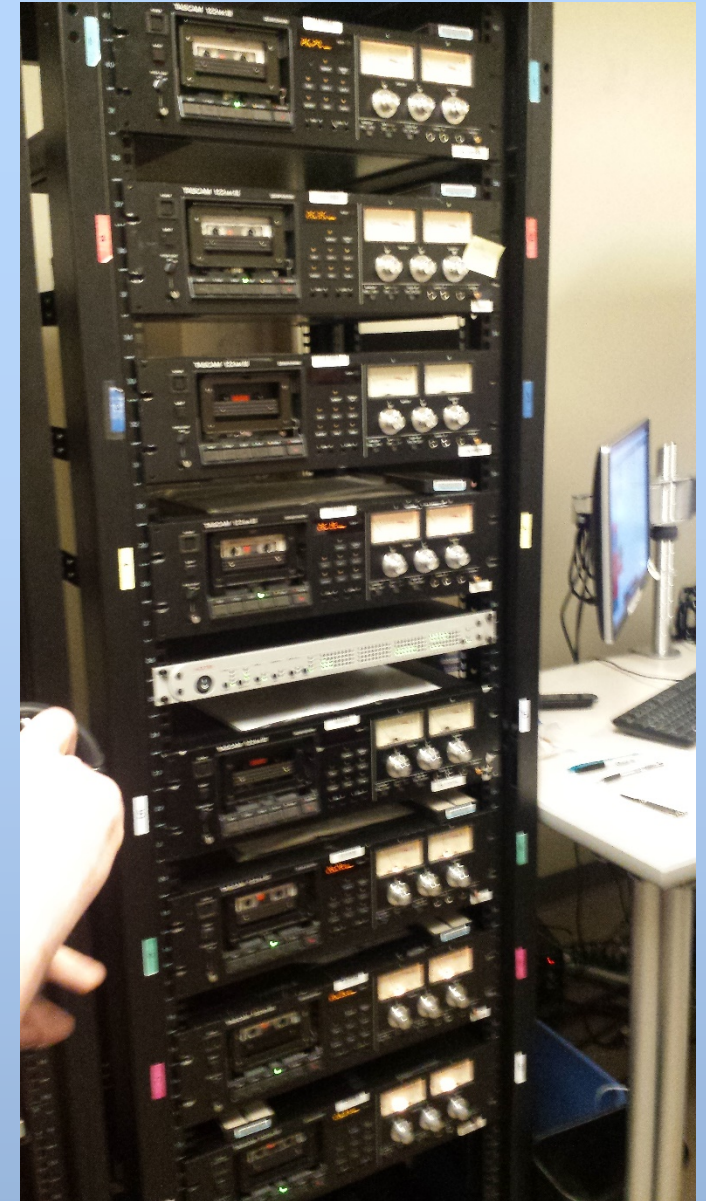
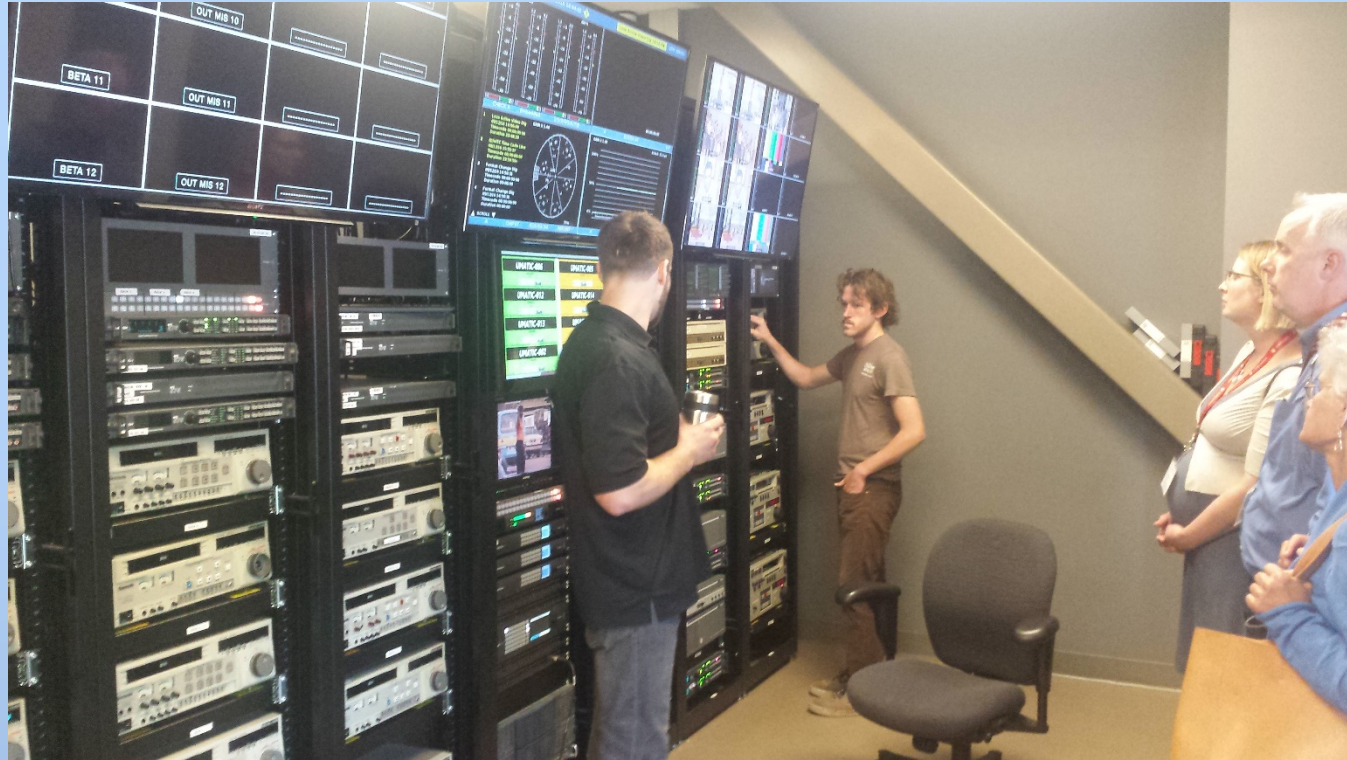
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Education and Training



Cross-institutional collaboration



The International Scene: Examples from Africa and SE Asia

- A/V preservation: problems and challenges are global in scope and cross international boundaries
- Issues are magnified by many degrees on continents such as Africa and Asia.
- Very little assessment or needs analyses



Photo: Films vault, Lao Department of Cinema,
Vientiane, Laos, 2014

The International Scene: Africa

- Nigeria

- Olatokun (2008) “A Survey of Preservation and Conservation Practices and Techniques in Nigerian University Libraries.”
- “Inadequate funding, inadequate infrastructure, harsh environmental conditions and outdated technology present significant barriers”

Africa (c0n't)

- Personal communication with Nigerian Librarians from:
 - University of Calabar,
 - Kwara State University Library,
 - State University Library: Owerri,
 - American University of Nigeria: Yola
- No known preservation activities

Africa (con't)

- South Africa:
University of Pretoria
and the University of
Cape Town
- Ghana: University of
Ghana's Institute of
African Studies
Audiovisual Archive
collaboration with
New York U.

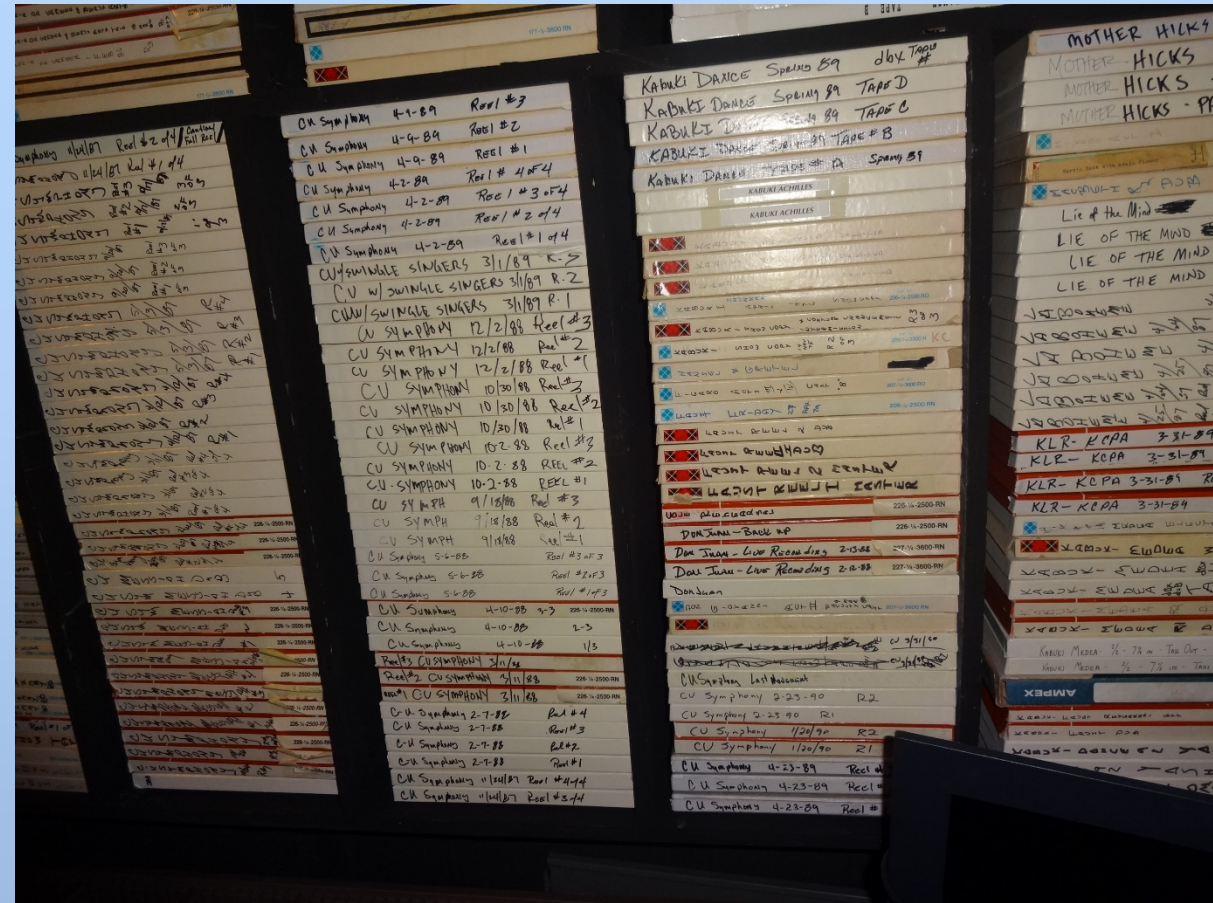


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Africa (con't)

- Uganda: Makere U. A/V Archive
 - Large digitization project in 2011 w. multiple international partners
 - Agnes Namaganda cites “inadequate equipment, lack of funding, improperly trained staff and poorly maintained facilities as immense challenges facing A/V preservation in the region”

Southeast Asia

- Thailand:

- Thammasat University
- Kasetsart University Archives
- Mahidol University Archives

- Very little by way of collection assessments, surveys or attempts at collection preservation are known
- Storage, environmental factors and lack of institutional support are serious barriers (Treepalavisetkul, personal comm.)

Asia (con't)

- Taiwan: Tainan National University of the Arts.
Graduate Institute of Studies in Documentary & Film Archiving
 - Taiwan Newsreel and Documentary Archives
- The Philippines:
 - Chrintine Abrigo 2012 study of 5 Manila-based Universities
 - “AV assets are at the bottom of priority lists at most universities in the Philippines with extensive financial, administrative, environmental and technological barriers to its long-term survival.” (Olgado, personal comm)

Conclusions: The clock is ticking!!



Photo: Media found in shower stall during University of Illinois Media Census, 2013