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## SI 678 Preserving Sound and Motion

Week 1 – Overview, context, ethics



## Themes

#### **Themes**

- Introduction to course
- What this course is and is not about
- Class structure
- Philosophy of sound and motion
- Media issues
- Intervention

"Nothing has ever been preserved — at best, it is being preserved." Edmondson, 2004, p. 20.



### What this course is about

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What is this...
- 3 Class structure
- 4 Philosophy
- 5 Media issues
- 6 Intervention

- Specialized environmental control
- Standards and best practices
- Digital re-recording and restoration
- Appropriate metadata
- Ethics and integrity



### What this course is not about

- 1 Introduction
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- Treatment of historic recording media
- Comprehensive overview of preservation of audio, video, motion picture content
- Intellectual property issues



## Class Structure

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What is this...
- 3 Class structure
- 4 Philosophy
- 5 Media issues
- 6 Intervention

- Learning objectives
- Outline of topics
- Assignments
- Grading
- Logistical issues



# Preservation philosophy

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What is this...
- 3 Class structure
- 4 Philosophy
- 5 Media issues
- 6 Intervention

- Definitions
- Collection and collecting
- Content
- Artifact
- Choices and values



## Media issues - heads up

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What is this...
- 3 Class structure
- 4 Philosophy
- 5 Media issues
- 6 Intervention

- Machine dependency = system
- Real time preservation
- Signal and carrier
- Diagnosis, prevention, rescue



## Ethics of Digitization

- Digitization as intervention
- Intervention as decision-making
- Consequences for meaning making
- Image, audio, motion similarities in perspectives
- See table for details.



# Thank you!

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