



**Alfred University, Scholes Library
Final Report for the SCRLC Technology and Digitization Grant
April 2022**

Scholes Library at Alfred University received an SCRLC Technology and Digitization grant for \$6883 to digitize 76 audio tapes found in the collections of Scholes library, Herrick Library Archives, and the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum. We successfully organized the digitization of approximately 114 hours of recordings from the original audio cassette and reel-to-reel tapes recorded between 197 and 2006 with the grant. The subjects represented in the recordings vary widely and are connected in meaningful ways to the history of Alfred University, the New York State College of Ceramics, and the region.

We are grateful for the experience and hard work that Media Transfer Service (MTS) in Rochester provided with their digital transfer of the twenty reel-to-reel audio tapes and the fifty-six cassette tapes. In addition, MTS provided us with high-end archival master recording and a streaming file.

For many years the fragility of these audiotapes has prevented us from being able to make the content available to researchers. Through this grant, we can expand access to these unique recordings through Alfred University Research and Archives repository (AURA) and New York Heritage.

With the assistance of staff in the libraries at Alfred University we were able to provide access to the transferred recordings through our institutional repository, Alfred University Research and Archives (AURA).

While the grant's primary focus was digitizing the existing 114 hours of audio recordings, some of the funding was also used to purchase audio recording equipment to make professional recordings of selected lectures and interviews in the future.

The project is still ongoing as we secure the Non-Exclusive rights to enable us to share the recordings with as broad an audience as possible.