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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Jonathan Sorensen Papers
<b>ID:</b>	apap350
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1973-2004
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.38 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection consists of Professor Jonathan Sorensen's audio and paper materials documenting the 1973 re-establishment of the death penalty in Texas.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Jonathan Sorensen Papers, 1973-2004. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Sorensen Papers).

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## Biographical History

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Jonathan Sorensen, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, College of Human Ecology, at East Carolina University and previously served as a professor in the Department of Justice Studies at Prairie View A&M University. He is the author of numerous books and articles on capital punishment, criminal justice education, and corrections, several focusing on the death penalty in Texas. This includes *Lethal Injection: Capital Punishment in Texas during the Modern Era* (2006), *The Rope, The Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990* (1998), co-authored with James W. Marquart, Sheldon Ekland-Olson, and "Life and death in the lone star state: Three decades of violence predictions by capital juries," which appeared in *Behavioral Science & the Law* (January/February 2011).

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains materials related to Jonathan Sorensen's interest in Texas capital punishment history. It features audio cassette tapes of hearings from the Texas House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence for HB 200, 63rd Legislature, which re-enacted the death penalty in Texas in 1973. The collection also consists of paper legislative materials related to the 1973 bill, clippings, notes and background research.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection is organized chronologically. There are no series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Processing Information

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### Access

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Capital Punishment--Texas
- Legislative Hearings--Texas
- Bills (legislative records)
- Correspondence
- Testimonies
- Legislative Records
- Sorensen, Jonathan R. (Jonathan Roger), 1965-

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, February 6, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Folder 1

	Sorensen Papers)	
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, HB 200, 63rd Legislature, Tape 1, February 6, 1973	Cassette 1	
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, HB 200, 63rd Legislature, Tape 2, February 6, 1973	Cassette 2	
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, HB 200, 63rd Legislature, Tape 3, February 6, 1973	Cassette 3	
Texas House of Representatives, Floor Proceedings, May 8, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 2
House Journal, May 8, 1973May 10, 1973May 28, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 3
Testimony on House Bill 200, May 23, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 4
Conference Committee Report, May 28, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 5
House Bill 200 and Amendments, May 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 6
News Clippings about Death Penalty Legislation, May 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 7
Excerpt from <i>Eyewitness</i> about Last Execution (1964) Using Electric Chair in Texas, 1973	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 8
"Comments, House Bill 200: The Legislative Attempt to Reinstate Capital Punishment in Texas," <i>Houston Law Review</i> , 1974	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 9
Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, March 1, 1977	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 10
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, 65th Legislature, Tape 1, March 1, 1977	Cassette 4	

House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, 65th Legislature, Tape 2, March 1, 1977	Cassette 5	
House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, 65th Legislature, Tape 3, March 1, 1977	Cassette 6	
HB 945-65th, House Floor Tape Excerpts: 2nd and 3rd Readings, April 20-21, 1977	Cassette 7	
"Statute Note: Criminal Procedure - Capital Punishment - Texas Statutes Amended to provide for Execution by Intravenous Injection of a Lethal Substance," <i>St. Mary's Law Journal</i> , 1977	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 11
News Clippings about Death Penalty, 1977	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 12
"Corrections Law Developments: Execution by Lethal Injection," by Scott Christianson, 1979	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 13
News Clippings about Charlie Brooks, Jr. Execution, First Lethal Injection, 1982	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 14
Gov. Perry's Veto of House Bill No. 236, June 17, 2001	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 15
Reference and Research, 2004Undated	Box 1 (Jonathan Sorensen Papers)	Folder 16