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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	"Cora Norman Bid for State Auditor Office, 1991" Scrapbook
<b>Dates:</b>	1991
<b>Collector:</b>	Norman, Cora, 1926-
<b>Physical Extent:</b>	1 box (1.5 linear feet)
<b>Repository:</b>	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
<b>Identification:</b>	MUM01695
<b>Location:</b>	Library Annex
<b>Language of Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	A scrapbook created by Dr. Cora Norman documenting her unsuccessful campaign for Mississippi State Auditor in 1991. It contains typed and handwritten notations, newspaper clippings, campaign ephemera, and photographs.

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### Administrative Information

#### Acquisition Information

Dr. Cora Norman donated the scrapbook to the Modern Political Archives at the University of Mississippi on 4 September 2008.

## Processing Information

Collection processed by Leigh McWhite, October 2008.

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 4 May 2009.

## Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

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## Subject Terms

Mississippi. Office of the State Auditor  
Political campaigns -- Mississippi  
Women in politics -- Mississippi

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## Formats

scrapbooks

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## Biographical Note

Cora Norman grew up in Texarkana, Arkansas. After her marriage to Dr. William H. Norman, the young couple moved to El Paso, Texas where Norman earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at El Paso. Moving to Oxford, Mississippi, Norman gained an M.A. in chemistry and physics and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi. After teaching high school in Holly Springs and Lafayette County school systems, Norman became the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Continuing Education at the University of Mississippi.

In 1972, Norman received an appointment as executive director for the newly created Mississippi Humanities Council which disburses public funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities to educational institutions, libraries, and programs that enhance the intellectual life of Mississippians. She retained this position until her retirement in 1996.

In Oxford, Norman was a founding member of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV) and a past president of the Jackson LWV. After attending several LWV workshops on running for public office, Norman decided to enter a race for State Auditor in 1991, taking unpaid leave from her post with the Mississippi Humanities Council. Her campaign promised to streamline purchasing procedures and eliminate costly red tape. She lost the race to fellow Democrat Steve Patterson. Norman was the only female in 1991 to campaign for state office.

Norman is the mother of Robert H. Norman and Judy Bratton. She was active in the American Association of University Women serving as state president, national board member, and vice president of AAUW Education Foundation. Norman chaired the International Visitors' Center in Jackson, Mississippi and sat on the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center board of directors, the Rust College board of trustees, and the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame board of directors. She also served as vice president of the Mississippi Institute of Arts

and Letters.

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## Scope and Content Note

The scrapbook contains typed and handwritten notations by Norman, newspaper clippings, campaign ephemera, and photographs documenting her unsuccessful campaign for Mississippi State Auditor in 1991.

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## Related Material

### Resources at the University of Mississippi

American Association of University Women Collection. Dr. Cora Norman was an active member and contributor to the collection.

League of Women Voters of Mississippi Collection. Norman made the initial donation of material that eventually became the archive for the state division.

Cora Norman. "Status of the Humanities at the Public Junior Colleges in Mississippi." Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Mississippi, 1975.

*Women in Politics: The Archival Record in Special Collections*. This DVD recording of an Archives & Special Collections Brown Bag program in 2008 includes Norman among the panelists. Catalogued: [HQ1438 M7 W664 2008](#).

### Resources at Other Repositories

The University of Southern Mississippi possesses an oral history of Cora Norman from 1997. The transcript is

[available online.](#)

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History retains the administrative files of the Mississippi Humanities Council, which also contains the papers of Norman's professional pursuits in addition to her role as director. Series 1734.

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