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Abstract: The *Floyd M. Martinson Collection* consists primarily of reproductions of secondary source material used by Dr. Martinson in his research regarding the family and the development of sexuality in children.

Language of Material: English

Biographical Information:

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Floyd M. Martinson (1916-2000) was a professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1945-1982) and a Research Professor (1982-2000) at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Dr. Martinson wrote prolifically regarding the family and the development of sexuality in children and is best known for [*The Sexual Life of Children*](#) (1994). Several of his writings are available online at the Floyd M. Martinson Memorial Republication Project.

He was named a Fulbright Research Scholar in 1980 and was the recipient of the Alfred C. Kinsey Award in 1988. He was also active in several professional organizations, including the American Sociological Association, the International Sociological Association, the International Academy of Sex Research, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex.

Dr. Martinson was also a devoted family man. Married in 1946 to Beatrice Awes, the couple had five children and 7 grandchildren at the time of his death.

Scope and Contents

The *Floyd M. Martinson Collection* consists primarily of Dr. Martinson's secondary research material, including marginalia. The majority of the collection consists of reproductions; dates recorded refer to original publication dates. The collection has been separated into two series: **Martinson Files** (1947-2000) and **Research Files** (1940-1999).

Series I, **Martinson Files**, includes his writings, notes, and audio recordings of Martinson on a Canadian radio show. The series includes limited biographical information and is arranged alphabetically.

Series II, **Research Files**, consists of Dr. Martinson's secondary research material, almost exclusively reproductions of academic articles, and is arranged alphabetically by author. This series also includes audio recordings produced by various professional organizations, primarily the National Council on Family Relations.

Arrangement of Materials:

Series I: Martinson Files, 1947-2000

Series II: Research Files, 1940-1999

Related Materials:

[Papers of Floyd Martinson, 1947-2000](#) at Gustavus Adolphus College

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Audiovisual materials

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