

Julian J. Obermann's Correspondence with Carl A. Rathjens

As Preserved in the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Hamburg Carl von Ossietzky, Nachlass Carl Rathjens, and Yale University Library, Archives and Manuscripts, Julian Joel Obermann papers (MS 330)

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Julian Joel Obermann (1888–1956), who had taught as a Privatdozent at the University of Hamburg from the winter semester of 1920/21 to the summer semester of 1923, had developed a deep friendship with Carl A. Rathjens (1887–1966), and the two remained in regular contact during the following decades, when Obermann was first in New York and later in New Haven. Their remarkable correspondence is preserved in two places: the Carl Rathjens papers in the Hamburg Carl von Ossietzky State and University Library, and the Julian Joel Obermann papers (MS 330) in the Yale University Library, Archives and Manuscripts. I consulted the Julian Joel Obermann Papers at Yale University Library on February 4–6, 2025, and have read the correspondence at the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek on several occasions in recent years, and have also been provided with digital images of the exchange. I am grateful to both institutions for allowing me access to the material. This overview of the material will hopefully be of some use to others interested in either of these remarkable personalities.

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Obermann to Rathjens	1929, March 25 (Jerusalem)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 2/1–3	
Rathjens (et al) to Obermann (postcard)	1932, August 29 (Hamburg)		MS 330, box 1, folder 5
Rathjens to Obermann	1933, August 26 (Hamburg)		MS 330, box 1, folder 7
Obermann to Rathjens	1933, September 5 (Paris)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 3	
Rathjens to Obermann	1933, September 19 (Hamburg)		MS 330, box 1, folder 7
Obermann to Rathjens	1933, November 15 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 4	
Rathjens to Obermann	1933, November 16		MS 330, box 1, folder 7
Rathjens to Obermann	1934, January 23 (Port		MS 330, box 1, folder

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Obermann to Rathjens	1934, July 16 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 5	
Rathjens to Obermann	1934, August 7 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 6/1-2	MS 330, box 1, folder 10
Obermnn to Rathjens	1934, September 13 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 7	
Rathjens to Obermann	1935, February 3 (Hamburg)		MS 330, box 2, folder 1
Obermann to Rathjens	1939, January 23 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 8	
Rathjens to Obermann	1946, June 5 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 9/1-2	
Obermann to Rathjens	1946, July 3 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 10	
Rathjens to Obermann	1946, August 6 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 11	
Obermann to Rathjens	1946, September 11 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 12	
Rathjens to Obermannn	1946, October 23 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 13	
Rathjens to Obermann	1946, November 23 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 14	
Obermann to Rathjens	1947, January 8 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 15	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, January 21 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 16	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, March 31 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 17/1-2	
Obermann to Rathjens	1947, April 1 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 18	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, May 4 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 19	
Obermann to Rathjens	1947, May 30 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 20	

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Rathjens to Obermann	1947, August 2 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 21	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, September 13 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 22	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, October 28 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 23	
Obermann to Rathjens	1947, November 11 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 24	
Rathjens to Obermann	1947, December 22 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 25	
Rathjens to Obermann	1948, March 8 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 26/27	
Obermann to Rathjens	1948, March 23 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 28	
Rathjens to Obermann	1948, April 30 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 29	MS 330, box 2, folder 8
Rathjens to Obermann	1948, September 2 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 30	MS 330, box 2, folder 8
Rathjens to Obermann	1949, January 28 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 31	MS 330, box 2, folder 9
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, February 22 (Zurich)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 32/1-2	
Rathjens to Obermann	1950, March 27 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 33	
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, April 4 (Zurich)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 34/1-2	
Rathjens to Obermann	1950, April 9 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 35	
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, May 7 (Zurich)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 36/1-3	
Rathjens to Obermann	1950, May 16 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 37	
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, May 15 (Zurich)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 38/1-2	
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, May 27 (Falmouth, Cornwall)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 39/1-3	

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Rathjens to Obermann	1950, June 11 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 40	
Obermann to Rathjens	1950, June 17 (Zurich)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 41	
Rathjens to Obermann	1950, August 16 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 42	
Rathjens to Obermann	1951, January 29 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 43	
Rathjens to Obermann	1952, February 22 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 44	
Obermann to Rathjens	1952, March 3 (New Haven)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 45	
Rathjens to Obermann	1952, August 20 (Hamburg)	NL Rathjens, Carl, NRa : Ba : O 46	

In 1934–35, after Rathjens had been dismissed from his position at the *Weltwirtschaftsarchiv*, Obermann attempted to find temporary, and perhaps permanent, employment for Rathjens in the United States. Correspondence relevant to these efforts is preserved in the Obermann Papers at Yale.