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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1089

**CREATOR:** Kleinzahler, August

**TITLE:** August Kleinzahler papers

**DATES:** 1970–2014

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.17 linear feet (16 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The August Kleinzahler Papers, which span from 1970 to 2014, contain poetry and prose writings, correspondence, clippings, photographs, ephemera, printed material, and other documentation related to the life and work of August Kleinzahler.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Chris Calhoun Agency on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2013.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 15-16 (born digital): Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

## Conditions Governing Use

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August Kleinzahler Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## August Kleinzahler

August Kleinzahler (1949-) is an American poet. Born in New Jersey, Kleinzahler attended college at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the University of Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Kleinzahler has written over ten books of poetry, including *Sleeping It Off in Rapid City*, which won the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry and the 2008 Lannan Literary Award in Poetry. He has won other awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1989 and the Griffin Poetry Prize in 2004.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Organized into five series: I. Correspondence, 1970-2014. II. Writings, 1980-2007. III. Business papers, 1997-2007. IV. Printed material, 1970-2006. V. Electronic media, undated.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, bulk 1970–2014

2.92 linear feet (8 boxes)

Contains correspondence, postcards, photographs, ephemera, and related materials.

Materials roughly maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 1	Correspondence, printed email and postcards (3 folders)  Correspondents include Ted Enslin, Lannan Awards committee, Ronald Sharp, Charles Tomlinson, Leonard Michaels, Michale Longley, Philip Levine, John Ashbery, Mark Strand, Charles Simic, Wendy Wasserstein, Cid Corman, Alan Bennett, Seamus Heaney, JV Cunningham, Allen Ginsberg, Helen Vendler, Carl Rakosi, AR Ammons, Anthony Hecht, John Cheever, and Ted Hughes.	circa 1980-2000s
b. 2	Correspondence, printed email and postcards, and related printed materials (3 folders)  Contains correspondence, an annotated version of "Storm Over Hackensack", and other printed materials.	1970–2000
b. 3	Correspondence, printed email and postcards, with related writings and printed material  Contains correspondence, writings by others, flyers, posters, brochures, announcements, magazines, interviews, and photographs.	circa 1980-2010
b. 4	Correspondence, printed email, postcards and related printed materials Contains correspondence, writings, and writings by others.	circa 1990-2000
b. 5	Correspondence, printed email and postcards with related writings, and printed material  Correspondents include Moyer Bell, Scripsi Magazine, Gael Turnbull, Roy Fisher, Michael O'Brien, Christian Wiman, Christopher Reid, Jonathan Galassi, Ralph J. Mills, Laurie Duggan, James Campbell, Richard Wilbur, Pig Press/Richard Caddel, WS Di Piero, Helen Vendler, Lee Harwood, Eliot Weinberger, Deborah Treisman, Alice Quinn, Jean McNicol, Jonathan Williams, Guy Brichard, Basil Bunting, Guy Davenport, Helen Garner, Robert Van Der Molen, and others.	circa 2003-2005
b. 6	Correspondence, printed email and postcards  Correspondents include Moyer Bell, Scripsi Magazine, Gael Turnbull, Roy Fisher, Michael O'Brien, Christian Wiman, Faber/Christopher Reid, FSG/Jonathan Galassi, Ralph J. Mills, Laurie Duggan, James Campbell/TLS, Richard Wilbur, Pig Press/Richard Caddel, WS Di Piero, Helen Vendler, Lee Harwood, Eliot Weinberger, New Yorker/Grand Street/Deborah Treisman/Alice Quinn, LRB, Jonathan Williams, Guy Brichard, Basil Bunting, Guy Davenport, Helen Garner, and Robert Van Der Molen.	circa 1985-2006
b. 7	Correspondence, printed email and postcards  Correspondents include William (Bill) Corbett, John Tranter, Clayton Eshleman, George Tice, Inez (Baranay), Kenneth Cox, Christopher Middleton, Lucia Berlin, Christopher Logue, and Thom Gunn.	circa 1995-2004
b. 8	Correspondence, writings, and photographs	2007-2014

**Series II: Writings, 1980–2007***3.0 linear feet (4 boxes)*

Contains writings, drafts, and other materials related to August Kleinzahler's poetry and prose works.

Materials roughly maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 9	Earthquake Weather and other drafts Includes versions of Storm Over Hackensack, The Strange Hours Travelers Keep, and Red Sauce.	circa 1985-1989
b. 10	Poem and prose drafts Also includes fragmetns and a draft of "Caught Out" by Al Gordon and August Kleinzahler.	undated
b. 11	Storm Over Hackensack	circa 1995
b. 11	Red Sauce, Whiskey Snow, and Storm Over Hackensack Includes corrections and master pages.	circa 1980 - 1995
b. 11	Red Sauce and Whiskey Snow (2 folders) Includes corrections and master pages.	circa 1990-1995
b. 11	Green Sees Things in Waves	1998
b. 11	Cutty One Rock (2 folders)	2004
b. 11	The Strange Hours that Travellers Keep	2004
b. 11	Sleeping It Off in Rapid City (2 folders)	2007
b. 12	Sleeping It Off in Rapid City (6 folders)	circa 2007
b. 12	Thom Gunn: Selected Poems (3 folders)	undated
b. 12	Live From/Like Cities (3 folders)	1999

**Series III: Business papers, bulk 1997–2007**

*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

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Publishing agreements and legal documents

1997–2007

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**Series IV: Printed material, 1970–2006***1.08 linear feet (1 box)*

Contains magazines, printed material, photographs, clippings, ephemera, and other related documentation related to August Kleinzahler's life and work.

Materials roughly maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 14	Ephemera, clippings, and other printed materials (3 folders) Also includes magazines, calendars, and Tanka-Toys: A Memoir, Two Poems (Montreal 1978).	1970-2000
b. 14	Ephemera, photocopies, notes, and related correspondence	circa 1990-2000
b. 14	Pamphlets and other printed materials	1974–2006
b. 14	Photocopies, clippings, related correspondence, and other printed materials	circa 1990 -2003
b. 14	"Watching Young Couples with an Old Girlfriend on Sunday Morning" broadside	undated
b. 14	Books, ephemera, and magazines	1970–2002
b. 14	Ephemera, clippings, photocopies, writings, and related correspondence (2 folders)	circa 1990-2000
b. 14	Ephemera and related correspondence	1991–2001
b. 14	Clippings, magazines, photographs, and other printed materials	1986–2005
b. 14	Clippings, printouts, and other related materials	circa 1990-2000



**Series V: Computer media, undated**

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| b. 15 | Laptop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | undated |
|       | Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.                                                                                                                                 |         |
|       | Beinecke has removed and retained the internal hard drive from the Toshiba Satellite laptop computer originally included in this collection. The rest of the machine has been deaccessioned.                                                                   |         |
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|       | Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.                                                                                                                                 |         |
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| b. 16 | JAMES BOLLE: 1-4 THE JET SET 5-7 THE OTHER SET 8-14 BOISTROUS AND GRAVE SONGS FIRST EDITS<br>2013-ycal-60-0001<br><i>1 CD-R 444649472 bytes (444 Megabytes.)</i>                                                                                               |         |
|       | Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.                                                                                                                                 |         |
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| b. 16 | PORTRAIT OF THE POET AS A YOUNG DOG Dir: Kelcey Edwards<br>2013-ycal-60-0002<br><i>1 DVD-R 554663936 bytes (554 Megabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research)</i> |         |
|       | Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.                                                                                                                                 |         |
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| b. 16 | Morrow C/R in Word 5<br>2013-ycal-60-0003<br><i>1 3.5_floppy_disk 1474560 bytes (1474 Kilobytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research)</i>                           |         |
|       | Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.                                                                                                                                 |         |
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| b. 16 | Poetica: August Kleinzahler 3 pm Sat. 15 Oct. 05 ABC Radio National<br>2013-ycal-60-0004<br><i>1 CD-R 393646080 bytes (393 Megabytes)</i>                                                                                                                      |         |
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## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Authors, American  
Poets, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Genres / Formats**

Audiovisual materials  
Born digital

### **Occupations**

Poets -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Kleinzahler, August