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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1619

**CREATOR:** Reichardt, Konstantin, 1904-

**TITLE:** Konstantin Reichardt papers

**DATES:** ca. 1800s-1988

**BULK DATES:** 1930-1976

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** The papers are primarily in English and German.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, topical files, writings, and research and teaching files which document Konstantin Reichardt's career as an expert in the study of Germanic philology and Scandinavian cultures. The correspondence is to and from family members, students, colleagues, publishers, and academic and cultural organizations. Topical files, which include genealogical studies of Reichardt's family and that of his wife, Patricia Barker Reichardt, are also included. The writings contain both published and unpublished works of Reichardt and selected writings of others. Research and teaching files consist primarily of Reichardt's handwritten notes on language and literature. The majority of these files are in Germanic, Scandinavian, Irish, and Sanskrit languages.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Patricia Reichardt, 1991.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Konstantin Reichardt was born in St. Petersburg, Russia on April 30, 1904. In 1927 Reichardt received a Ph.D. from the University of Berlin. From 1926-1929 Reichardt taught Old Norse at the University of Berlin and in 1930 at the University of Cologne. In 1931 he became professor of North Germanic Languages and Literature at the University of Leipzig. Reichardt remained in this position until 1937 when the political climate in Nazi Germany prompted him to move to Sweden. In 1938 Reichardt was a Lecturer in German and Scandinavian languages at the University of Gothenburg before emigrating to the United States. Reichardt taught at the University of Minnesota in a number of positions. In 1947 Reichardt joined the faculty of Yale University as a full professor. Reichardt was the Director of Graduate Studies in Germanic Languages from 1962-1971. He was named Leavenworth Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature Emeritus in 1970. He died in New Haven, Connecticut on January 19, 1976.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, Topical Files, and Photographs, ca. 1800s-1988, n.d. II. Writings, 1941-1973, n.d. III. Research and Teaching Files, 1932-1975, n.d.

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b. 1, f. 18-19	Edgerton, Franklin	1952-1963, undated
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b. 4, f. 76	Camilla Collett	1942
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b. 4, f. 77	A Contribution to the Interpretation of Skaldic Poetry: Tmesis	
b. 4, f. 78	"Islandische Geschichte" [IX: pages 407-487]	undated
b. 4, f. 79-82	"Islendinga sogur" [X: pages 488-819]	undated
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b. 4, f. 85	"Die Liebesbeschwörung in For Skimis"	1939
b. 4, f. 86	"From Pushkin to Tolstoy: An Advanced Russian Reader" [compiled by K. Reichardt]	1944
b. 4, f. 87	"Die Thorsdnlpa Des Eilifer Godrunarson Textinterpretation"	1948
b. 4, f. 88	"The Inscription on Helmet B of Negau"	1953
b. 4, f. 89	"Medio Euo Negli Stati Uniti" [by K. Reichardt et al.],	1962
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b. 4, f. 91	"Beitrage zur Skaldemforschung I"	undated
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b. 4, f. 93	"Odin am Galgen"	undated

## Writings of others

b. 4A, f. 94	"Der Skandinavische InfinitifAuf-U" [dissertation by G. S. Schtschur]	1959
b. 4A, f. 95	"Sea Encounters," "Individual Combat," "The Burning" [Arthur Haase]	1967
b. 4A, f. 96	"Public Oratory in the Old Norse Sagas" [prospectus for doctoral dissertation by James Knirk]	1972 June
b. 4A, f. 97	"The Origins of the Insular Celtic Conjunct and Absolute Verbal Endings" [Warren Cowgill]	1973
b. 4A, f. 98	"An Essay on the Meaning and the Limits of Justification" [Herbert Feigl]	undated

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Germanic languages  
German philology  
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Reichardt, Konstantin, 1904-

### **Corporate Body**

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