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Biographical sketch

Roman Jacobson (1896-1982) was a leading figure of the Moscow Linguistic Circle. In 1920, he relocated to Prague and became one of the founders of the "Prague school of linguistic theory". He worked at Harvard University from 1949 until 1960s. In his last decade he maintained an office at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was an honorary Professor Emeritus.

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Biographical sketch

Ernest J. Simmons, Professor of Russian Literature and Chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages at Columbia University from 1946 until 1959. His most famous book is the definitive biography "Leo Tolstoy".

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Summary

Correspondence of linguist Roman Jakobson with Professor Ernest Simmons of Columbia University's Department of Slavic Languages. The letters discuss Jakobson's years as a teacher at Columbia University, and Slavic studies in the United States.

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Arrangement

This collection consists from letters between linguist Roman Jacobson and Professor Ernest Simmons.

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- Jakobson, Roman, 1896-1982
- Simmons, Ernest J. (Ernest Joseph), 1903-1972