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Dr. Leo Schelbert was an historian and professor emeritus at the University of Illinois–Chicago who died in 2022 at age 93. Dr. Schelbert was born in Kaltbrunn, Canton St. Gallen in 1929. He got his PhD from Columbia University and taught at the University of Illinois–Chicago from 1971–2003. Dr. Schelbert focused on Swiss emigration history, writing several books and an encyclopedia about Switzerland. Over five decades, he served as SAHS President (1975–1980) and was otherwise involved with publications as Editor-in-Chief, Co-Editor of the *SAHS Review*, and member of the editorial board for book publications. A great mentor and friend to many, he helped to ensure that the Swiss American Historical Society would grow and endure for years to come.

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