

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, Switzerland in 1929. He got his PhD from Columbia University and taught at the University of Illinois from 1971-2003. Dr. Schelbert focused on Swiss emigration history, writing several books and an encyclopedia about Switzerland. As President of the Swiss American Historical Society for many years, he was a great mentor and leader.

