

Leo Schelbert Prize in Swiss or Swiss-American History

The Swiss American Historical Society (SAHS) announces an annual call for papers for the Leo Schelbert Prize. Each calendar year, the SAHS will award a prize for the best submitted paper from an undergraduate or graduate student.

The topic for the paper is open, so long as it relates to Swiss and/or Swiss-American history and increases an understanding in one or both of these areas, fitting into the larger mission of SAHS. You are welcome to submit a paper that you wrote for a course, again, so long as it ties into Swiss and/or Swiss-American history.

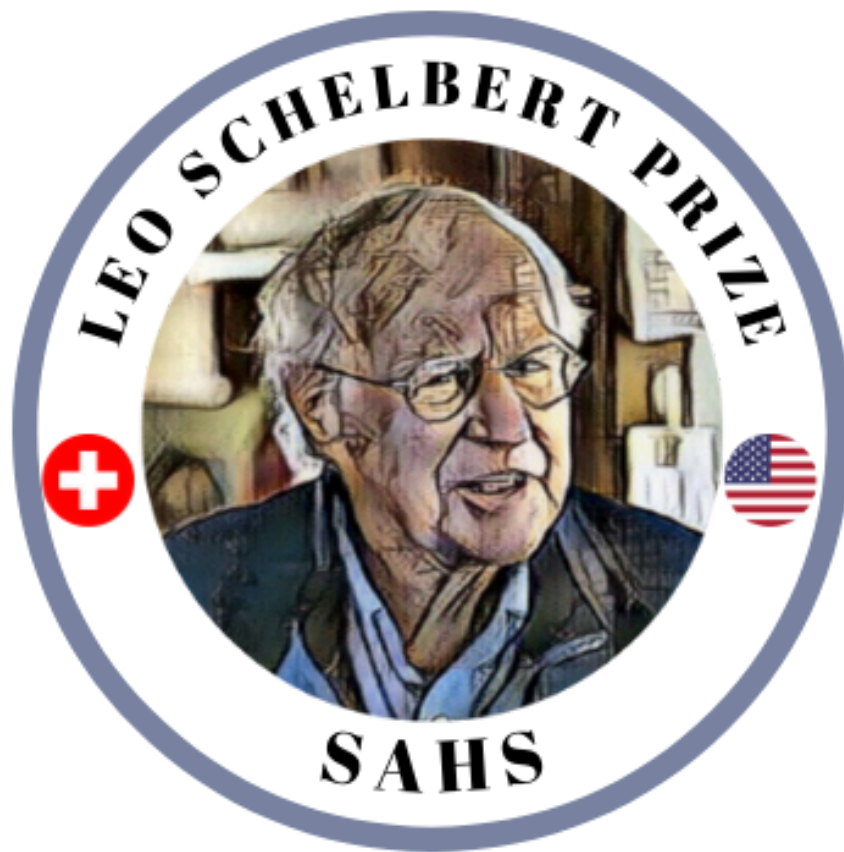
Guidelines:

1. The paper must be a minimum of 10 and maximum of 25 pages, typed, double-spaced.
2. All submissions must be properly formatted and cited with footnotes, following the [Chicago Manual of Style](#).
3. Only complete papers, which include an introduction, footnotes, conclusion, and bibliography will be considered.
4. Papers without citations will not be accepted for review.
5. Papers must not have been previously published.
6. Papers must be submitted by June 1st for consideration.
7. Submissions must be in either Microsoft Word or shared as a Google Doc.

8. Submissions must be in English.

9. All submissions will be reviewed by a committee of the SAHS, and you will be notified by the end of July as to your status. The winner of the Leo Schelbert Prize will receive the following:
 - \$500 if American / CHF 500 if Swiss
 - Your paper published as an article in the *SAHS Review*
 - One year complimentary SAHS membership
 - An invitation to attend and present your paper at the annual meeting of the Swiss American Historical Society U.S. or Swiss Chapter (depending on where you live)

We welcome all participants and encourage submissions on or before the annual June 1st deadline. Please direct questions and submissions to Prof. Robert Sherwood, Professor of History, Georgia Military College and Coordinator for the Leo Schelbert Prize – rsherwoo@gmc.edu.



The Leo Schelbert Prize is awarded to the best submitted research paper and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The topic can be anything that relates to the mission of the Swiss American Historical Society (SAHS), which focuses on increasing an understanding of Swiss and/or Swiss-American history.

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.