

Larry Schweikart, a native Arizonian, went to Arizona State University and received a BA in Political Science, then went on the road with several different rock bands, opening for such 60s/70s acts as Steppenwolf and the James Gang. He abruptly decided he wanted to be a history professor, and received an MA from ASU in history, then a Ph.D. from University of California, Santa Barbara.

Since 1985 he has taught at the University of Dayton. Schweikart's best-selling books include Seven Events that Made America America, 48 Liberal Lies About American History, and his #1 NYTimes bestseller, with Mike Allen, A Patriot's History of the United States. Recently he completed a history of the modern world with Dave Dougherty, A Patriot's History of the Modern World in two volumes. He has been on almost all media, from Al-Jazeera to Glenn Beck, from Tavis Smiley to Rush Limbaugh.

Since 2009, he has been a film producer. His documentary, "Rockin' the Wall," about rock music's part in bringing down the Iron Curtain, appeared on PBS, and his current project, "Other Walls 2 Fall," featuring Yanni, Clint Black, Busta Rhymes, and a heavy metal band from inside Tehran, is now starting to show nationally.

In May of this year Schweikart published the definitive biography of President Reagan, "Reagan: the American President.