

## Career Biography

- Born, raised and educated as a master bookbinder at the Academy of Fine Arts. Apprenticeship and “hands-on” training by my father, plant-superintendent of at that time the largest edition bookbindery in Zurich, Switzerland.
- 1960, immigrated to the U.S. on a special skills visa, binding pulpit Bibles for the Lutheran Churches – Concordia Publishing, St. Louis, MO
- Quality control manager, World Publishing, the nations largest Bible printer / binder, a most diverse book-manufacturing facility in Cleveland, Ohio
- Plant Superintendent, Thomas Nelson Bibles, Camden, NJ
- Plant Superintendent, BookCrafters Fredericksburg, VA, the World’s first in-line book printing and hardcover binding facility which produced 70 books a minute.
- 1974, appointed as Assistant Professor at RIT’s School of Printing, teaching under- and graduate courses on all aspects of Print production Planning and Finishing.
- 1976 dedication of the RIT Book-testing laboratory, sponsored by LBI
- 1986 promotion to Full Professor
- 1993 Received U.S. patent for the RepKover lay-flat adhesive binding
- 1994, received the Technical Leadership Award from NAPL, the “Oscar” of the Graphic Arts industry, the very first ever for a member of the RIT faculty.
  
- In 24 years, outside the regular classroom, chaired and taught over 50 three-day BMI book manufacturing seminars for Publishers. In addition, over 50 three-day seminars on Print-Finishing for RIT’s Printing Industry Education Center. Hundreds of shorter presentations to IBM, Xerox, all major Paper companies etc..
- Visited, lectured and consulted at over 350 print facilities all over the World.
- Published over 500 trade articles
- Retired from RIT November 2001
- November 2011, Keynote speaker at major publishers / Book Manufacturers conference in Kerala, India
  
- Past Technical Director, Presenter and Writer for the LBC/BMI trade Association.
- Without promoting it, and just to keep mentally fit, occasionally active as a trade consultant for On-Demand, Photo- and Edition Hardcover bindings.
- At home, analyze problematic bindings, testing books. Served as an expert witness.
- Enjoy interesting professional contacts and dialogs on the Internet, including LinkedIn.
- January 2016, being almost 81 years old, closed home office, enjoying full retirement.

Loves the outdoors, photography, skiing downhill, swimming, scuba diving, hiking - including to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, - gardening, reading, hand-bookbinding, professional dialogs, and most of all, traveling the World.