

Jim Yunker is an emeritus professor of economics at Western Illinois University (Macomb, Illinois) who has published a number of contributions to the professional literature that espouse world government. His books include: *World Union on the Horizon: The Case for Supernational Federation* (1993); *Rethinking World Government: A New Approach* (2005); *Political Globalization: A New Vision of Federal World Government* (2007); *The Grand Convergence: Economic and Political Aspects of Human Progress* (2010); *The Idea of World Government: From Ancient Times to the Twenty-First Century* (2011); and *Beyond Global Governance: Prospects for Global Government* (2014). He also recently published a substantial contribution to the economic literature on possible means of reducing the global inequality problem: *Global Marshall Plan: Theory and Evidence* (2014). Although Yunker's proposal for a Federal Union of Democratic Nations envisions a full-scale world state (albeit operating under appropriate limitations), he is confident that the World Community of Democratic Nations would be an effective means of approaching this long-term goal.