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Michael Marien holds a 1964 M.B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and a 1970 Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Social Science and National Planning Studies from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. While at the Educational Policy Research Center at Syracuse, he compiled his first annotated bibliography of futures-relevant literature in 1969, in response to a request from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. He has been doing various forms of literature scans ever since, including publication of *Societal Directions and Alternatives: A Guide to the Literature* (1976), a guide to 917 books with nine indexes. In 1979, he founded *Future Survey*, a guide to English-language books, reports, and articles published monthly by the World Future Society. In all, he prepared more than 20,000 abstracts for FS. In 2007 and 2008, four Special Issue "mini-guides" were published as issues of *Future Survey*, assembling and analyzing selected recent abstracts on *Global Warming and the Energy Transition* (Feb 2007; 57 items), *Security and Peace in the 21st Century: Nuclear Weapons, Terrorism, and Other Threats* (May 2007; 72 items), *Democracy in the 21st Century: Forward or Backward?* (Feb 2008; 85 items), and *Many Methods and Mentors: Thinking About Change and Shaping Futures* (Aug 2008; 98 items). After completing 30 years of *Future Survey* in December 2008, and now nominally "retired," Marien is presently preparing "mini-abstracts" of some 700-800 new and forthcoming futures-relevant books and reports published in 2009 and early 2010, with results to be posted on the WFS website in early 2010. Although no great intellectual stretch, Marien coined the term "infoglut" in 1982, and has been worried about it and demonstrating it ever since!