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Interactive Mural of the History of the Ideas of Cybernetics and General Systems

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The Project. This project is an ongoing process of creating an information mural that illustrates the fundamental ideas in the history of cybernetics and general systems. It was created with the help of a group of students in Dr. Debra Hammond's systems class at Sonoma State University. On the mural are key quotes from the history of the field, pictures of individuals who are credited with first formulating these ideas, and announcements of the key books and journals of the field. In addition, important conferences and other important events are noted. This mural is approximately 15 feet in length and three feet high.

How it was used at the conference. Part of the process of creating the info-mural was discovering the patterns for the key threads of historical development and then rendering these as visual patterns. For that, I looked for help from other conferees. During part of the conference I stood near the mural and conversed with those who are interested and put their suggestions on the mural. I also made a formal presentation in one of the parallel sessions.

Status. The mural is in Version.1.0.

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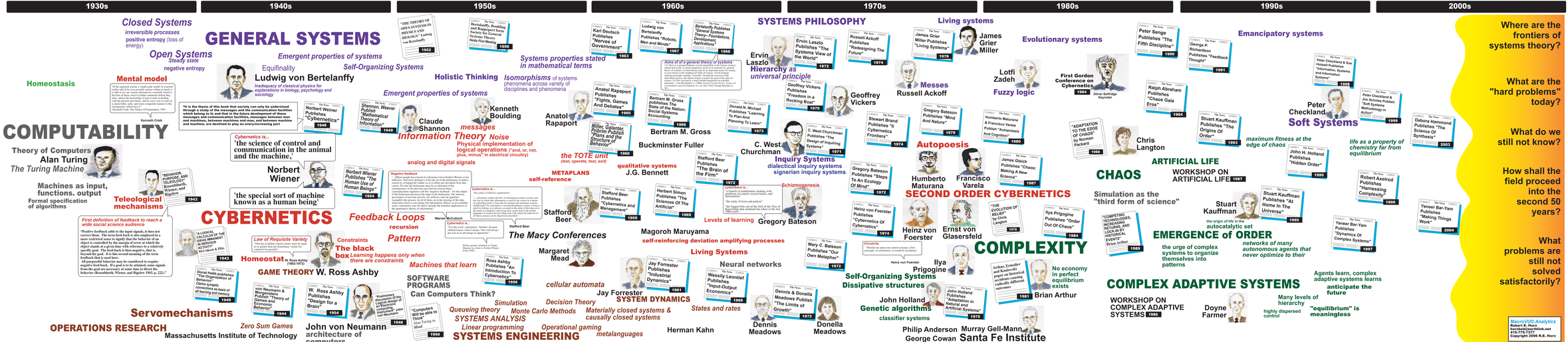
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