American Society for Cybernetics

The Warren McCulloch Award of the American Society for Cybernetics

is awarded to

Susan Parenti

for outstanding and profound lifelong contributions to nurturing cybernetics through building links to the arts, performance and education, and her subsequent practise of cybernetics within these fields.

Susan Parenti champions the connection between cybernetics and the arts. She has created many musical scores, poems, plays and essays, composed with a cybernetic voice. She performs her own works and the works of sympathetic colleagues with technical and artistic excellence. In addition to her book of plays, The Politics of the Adjective “Political”, and her book of poetry, “I” and My Mouth and their Irresistible Life in Language, two volumes of previously unpublished writings by Herbert Brün, owe their existence to her editorial dedication.

Dr Parenti is a founding organizer and faculty member, since 1992, of the School for Designing a Society in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, where cybernetic ideas are taught and applied in the context of the arts and social design. The School continues to graduate students who take cybernetics seriously.

Dr. Susan Parenti raises the ante on conversations linking cybernetics with the arts. We make this award in recognition of her contributions to the cybernetics community, her scholarly and creative accomplishments, and her insistence on the important, role of the arts in cybernetics.

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President of the American Society for Cybernetics
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