

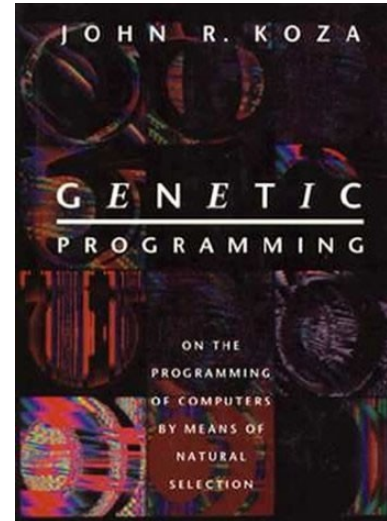
## A Conversation with John Koza

30 years after the publication of *Genetic Programming: On the programming of computers by means of natural selection*  
Sunday, July 10, 18:00-20:00, in the Conference Hotel

2022 marks 30 years after the publication of John Koza's first book on Genetic Programming by MIT Press in 1992. While more volumes would follow, in 1994, 1999 and 2003, this first full exposure of GP to the research community deserves a special place in our memory. After a generation has passed, this moment is an opportunity to take stock and look back at the developments following this initial publication and its reception in the community.

On the eve of GECCO-2022 we shall hold a conversation with John Koza, delivered in both in-person and online formats. For those in attendance in Boston, there will be a reception with food and drinks (including a cash bar).

John was also the organizer of the Genetic Programming Conference series and played a key role in bringing together leaders of three conferences: ICGA, GP and PPSN, and in establishing the governance structure of the International Society for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation (ISGEC) and its GECCO Conferences. He also helped lead the transition from ISGEC into ACM SIGEVO. He created the Human-Competitive Results Awards Competition (Humies) and has sponsored it annually for nearly 20 years. John also invented the scratch-off lottery ticket, created a board game (Consensus) about the Electoral College, and founded the National Popular Vote movement, which is striving today to effectively eliminate the effects of the Electoral College without requiring a constitutional amendment.



Every GECCO-2022 attendee is invited to the event, on **Sunday evening, July 10, 18:00-20:00 Eastern Time, live or via Zoom.**  
Come and join a special celebration!