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# **Civic Applications**

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## Outline

- My History
- Some Cool Applications
- Some Cool Ideas
  - mine
  - yours

# My Story

## Childhood

- Falk Elementary
- · Allderdice HS, 1982
  - Know something, Do something, Be something

# College

. Math SB, 1985



# Grad School

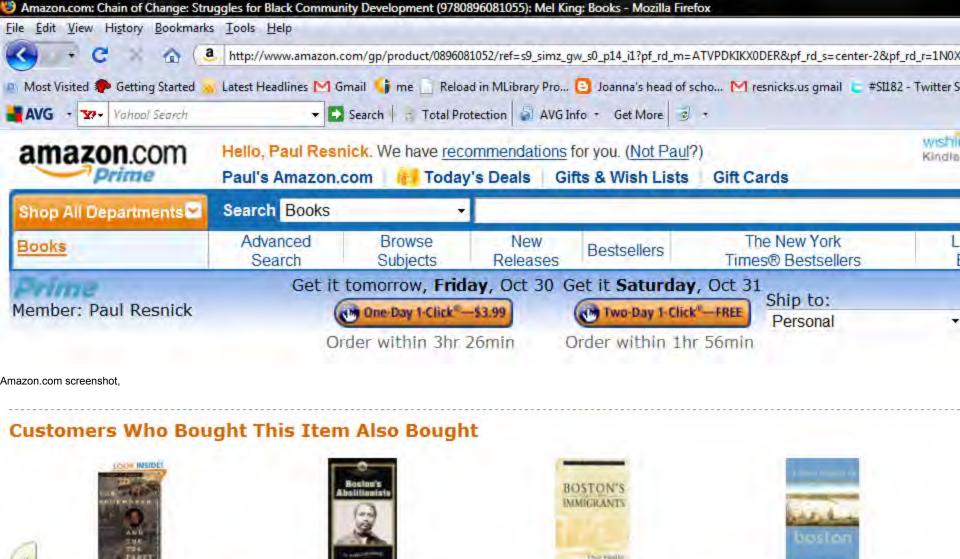
Computer Science, SM 1988, PhD 1992



# Mel King



Book Cover, "Struggles for Black Community Development" by Mel King



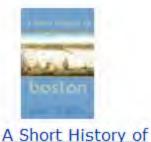




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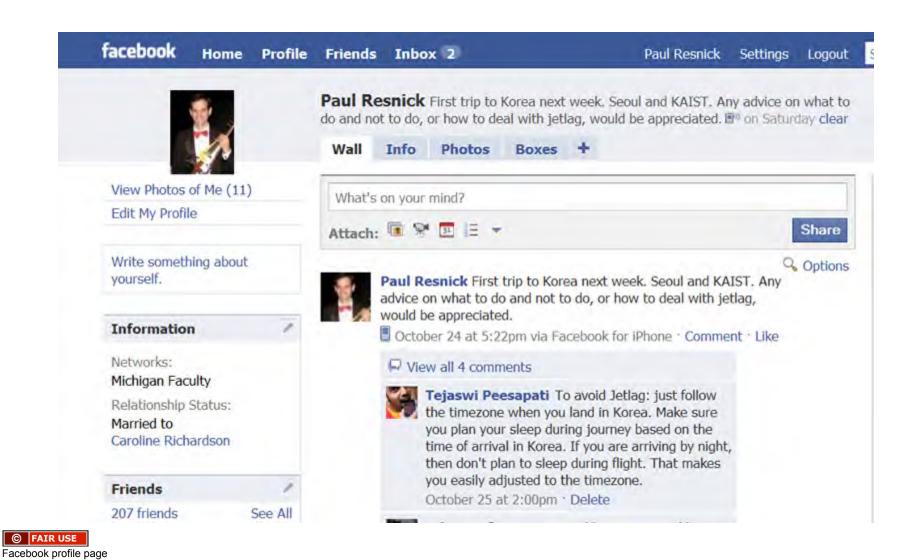


# Saguaro Seminar 1997



Harvard Kennedy School, The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America,

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# Some Cool Apps and Opportunities



### PledgeBank





### PledgeBank successes

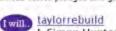
Fund a technology scholarship - WIPTintern

"Having signed a pledge on Pledgebank before, I decided it could be a really effective tool in helping me empower and mobilize others. We decided that we would raise some money to provide a small working stipend for a young woman intern. Within the first 48 hours, I had reached my goal of pledgers. It was profoundly exciting, and really helped energize our modest fundraising effort."

More success stories

### Recent successful pledges

United States pledges and global English pledges listed



I, Simon Hunter, will give \$500 to the fund to help the Taylor Family but only if 10 other people will give \$50.

Target met, pledge still open for I day.



#### 30daysofpeace

I, Trista Robinson, will refrain from speaking negatively of, OR "HATING" on others but only if 15 other people will sign up to do it as well.

Target met, pledge still open for 3 days.

ralahratanrahana





### Latest from our blog

#### mySociety.org volunteers profile of Tim Morley

Heard the song 'We Built this City (on rock and roll)' by Starship? No? Not to worry, I am just trying to draw parallels with how mySociety.org is organised and managed. You may not have realised, but a good sized chunk of the work that we do is actually carried out by volunteers, that includes... more



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N2Y4: Mobile (2009) FACT Social Justice (2009) Yahool Green (2009) Microsoft Mobile for Development (2009) Change the Web HRC Mobile USAID Development 2.0 (2009) N2Y3: Mushup (2008) N2Y2: Tech Innovation (2007)

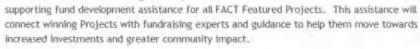
### net2 updates

Building community in your area? Check out the newlylaunched Community Organizers Handbook! Everything you need. to start and grow a NetSquared Local group or any other community-powered program.

#### The French American Charitable Trust (FACT)

Social Justice Challenge seeks to surface innovative Projects that leverage web and/or mobile technologies that foster collaboration around social justice issues.

All FACT Social Justice Winners will receive a cash award of \$5,000 each and recognition on the NetSquared and FACT web sites. In addition to direct financial support through the FACT Social Justice Award, FACT is generously





#### 5 Winners

The 5 Winning Projects in alphabetical order include:

- AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICES-CAMEROON
- Citizen Patrol
- Kabissa Connections
- · Violent Water Conflicts in Kenya's Ewaso Ngiro River Basin: Fighting Back with Fair Water Sharing, Metering, Water Conservation and a Win-Win Electronic Peace Building Formula.
- wikischap

#### 5 15 Featured Projects

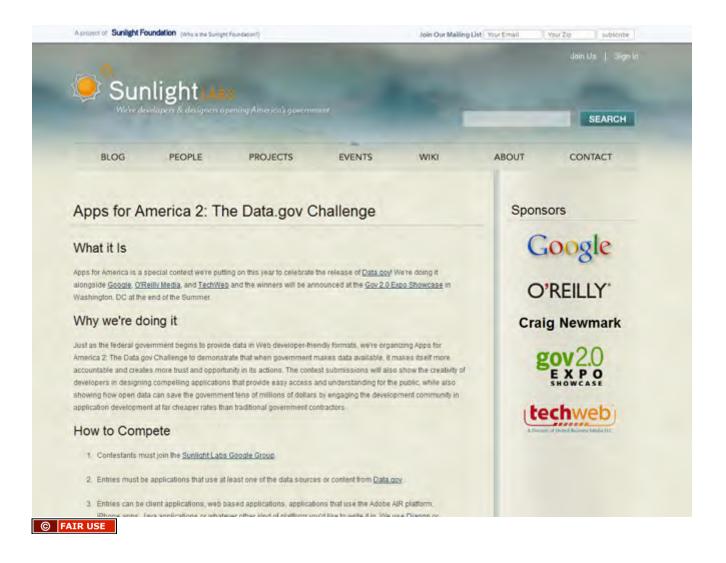
The 15 Featured Projects in alphabetical order include:

- Africa Leaks Project
- AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICES-CAMEROON
- Citizen Patrol
- Congo Incident Report Tool ( CIRT)
- GeoMob
- IPEACE PROJECT
- Kabissa Connections
- Mydoctor Project



Netsquared website screenshot, http://www.netsquared.org. CC: BY-NC

# Sunlight Foundation



## Some Ideas

- TimeBanks at CraigsList scale
- Real-time ride sharing
- Active smearbusting



### Help Fight the Smears Against Obama

Get a smear We point you to a site propagating a smear.

**Bust it** You post our suggested response, or write your own.

#### **Our Progress**

176 smears busted 183 waiting for correction

#### **Get Started!**

Register (new smear busters)

Login (returning busters)

### Smears We're Tracking

title	instances detected	corrected	waiting for correction	no action needed
false list of 50 lies told by Senator Obama	7	1	3	3
no flag on the campaign airplane	8	1	2	5
Falsified statement about the National Anthem	28	5	10	13
lies and misrepresentations about Barack Obama's tax policies	22	8	6	8





















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## And You?

Civic Application Ideas

 What's your most grandiose ambition for making the world a better place?