

# 🎓 My Work - Ken Granderson

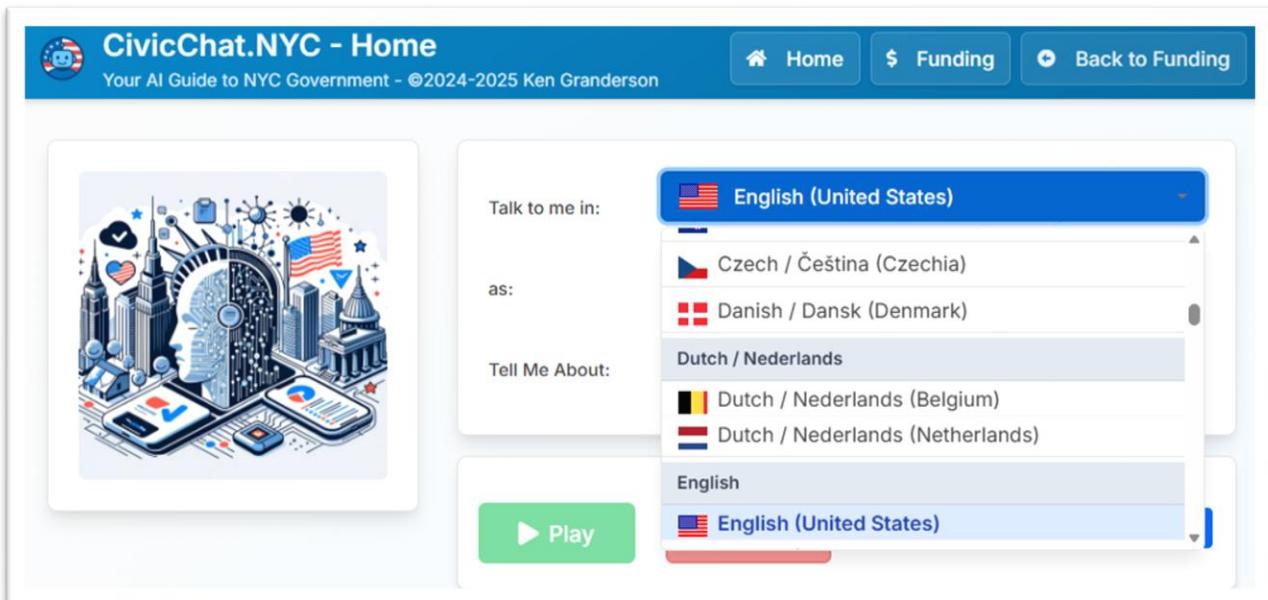
This document provides selected links and visual references that support the work described in my David Prize application. It is intended as a **verification and context supplement**, highlighting both the current New York City initiatives featured in this application and the longer arc of work that makes them viable.

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## PROJECTS FEATURED IN THIS DAVID PRIZE APPLICATION

### CivicChat.NYC (2026)

*Lets New Yorkers learn how City Government works, just by talking to their phone, in their native language. Informs City agencies on resident questions and pain points, enabling automatic feedback loops to improve agency service delivery.*



The screenshot shows the CivicChat.NYC - Home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo, the text "CivicChat.NYC - Home", "Your AI Guide to NYC Government - ©2024-2025 Ken Granderson", and three buttons: "Home", "Funding", and "Back to Funding". Below the navigation bar, there is a large image of a city skyline with various icons representing government services and technology. To the right of the image, there is a "Talk to me in:" label and a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is titled "English (United States)" and contains the following options: "Czech / Čeština (Czechia)", "Danish / Dansk (Denmark)", "Dutch / Nederlands", "Dutch / Nederlands (Belgium)", "Dutch / Nederlands (Netherlands)", "English", and "English (United States)". The "English (United States)" option is highlighted with a red bar. Below the dropdown menu, there is a "Play" button with a play icon.

**CivicChat.NYC - Home**  
2024-2025 © מדריך הבנה והמלאתה של ממשלת ניו יורק - Ken Granderson

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**חברי האסיפה של מדינת ניו יורק**

חברי האסיפה של מדינת ניו יורק, המספר משתנה בהתאם למוחוזות האסיפה בתחום ניו יורק.

חברי האסיפה של מדינת ניו יורק ממלאים תפקיד מכריע בהתחלה החקיקה של מדינת ניו יורק. כבית התחthon של בית המשפטים של מדינת ניו יורק, האסיפה פועלת בשיתוף עם הסנאט של מדינת ניו יורק.

### 🎥 Project Concept Explainer Deck:

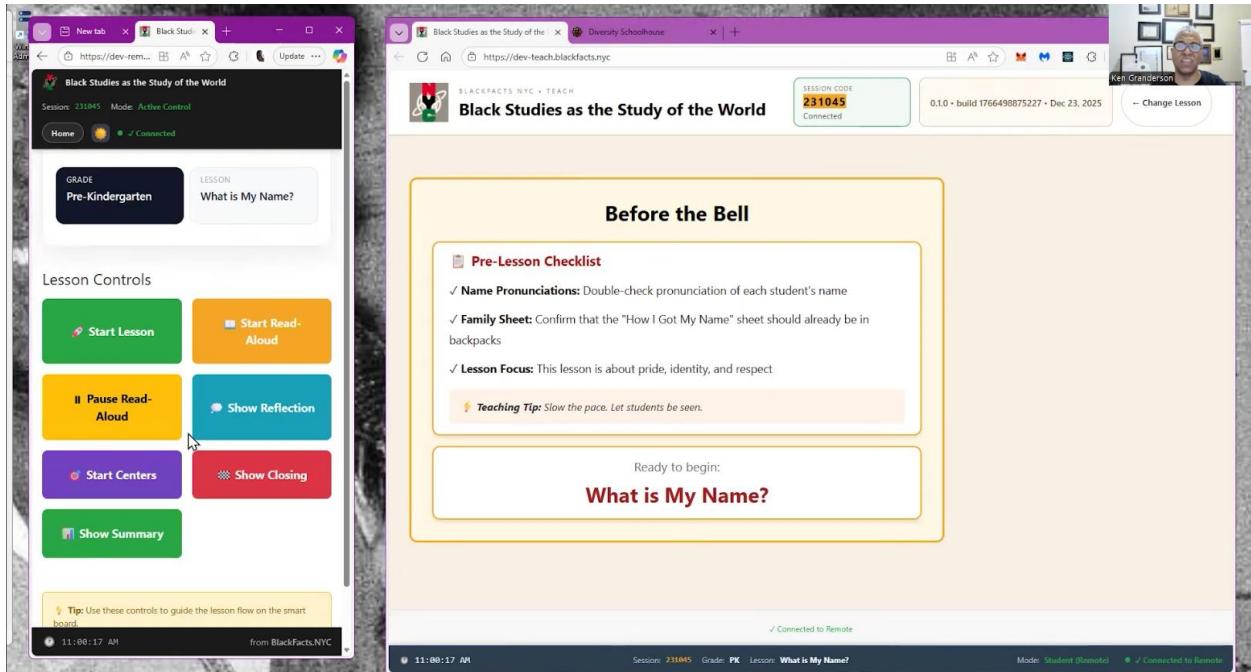
<https://links.blackfacts.com/civic-chat-explainer>

### 🎥 Multilingual Office Description Proof Of Concept Video:

<https://links.blackfacts.com/civic-chat>

## BlackFacts.NYC (2026)

*AI-powered platform to transform New York City Public School's Black Studies curriculum from a static document into a multilingual, conversational system that frees teachers from the logistics of researching, setting up and delivering curriculum lessons.*



🔗 **Project Info Site:** <https://blackfacts.nyc/>

🎥 **Proof Of Concept Demo Video:** <https://blackfacts.nyc/poc>

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## OTHER RECENT / CURRENT WORK

### AI For The Community Workshops (2025-present)

*A series of hands-on sessions for neighbors to learn and experience how AI tools on their computer or phone can help them with a variety of everyday, real-world challenges. Opening session was 11/1/2025. Currently confirming February and March 2026 dates.*



## Diversity Schoolhouse (2023-present)

*AI-powered education platform used in schools across 14 states (including NYC) and approved for NYC Public Schools, providing the technical and operational foundation for BlackFacts.NYC.*



🔗 <https://links.diversityschoolhouse.com/intro>

## BlackFacts.com (1997-present)

Founded in 1997 as the world's first searchable Black history database and sustained as a long-running digital knowledge platform, as well as the world's only source of the "Black Fact Of The Day™" - an original Black History video for every day of the calendar year.

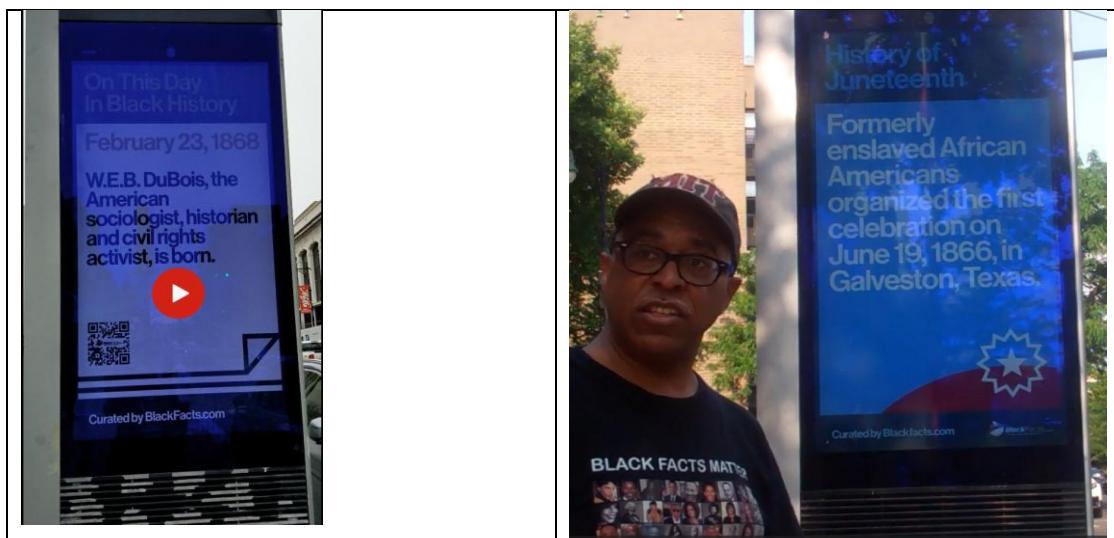


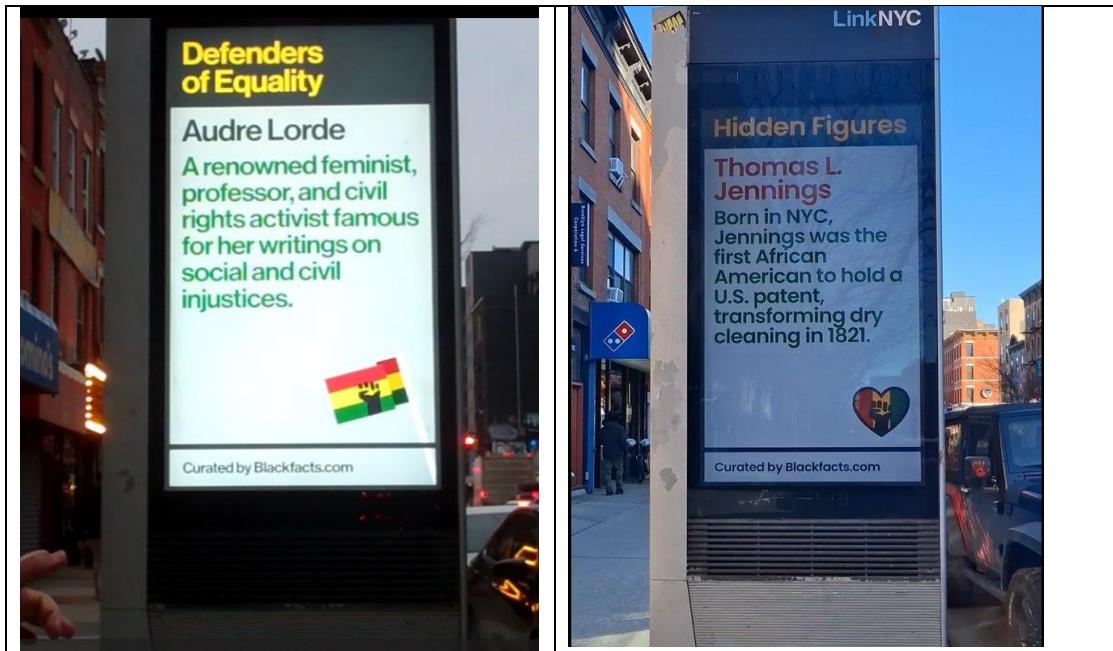
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## LinkNYC Black History Projects (2023, 2024, 2025)

Public deployment of Black history content across New York City's 2000 LinkNYC kiosks, extending cultural education into shared civic space.





🔗 <https://links.blackfacts.com/linknyc-playlist>

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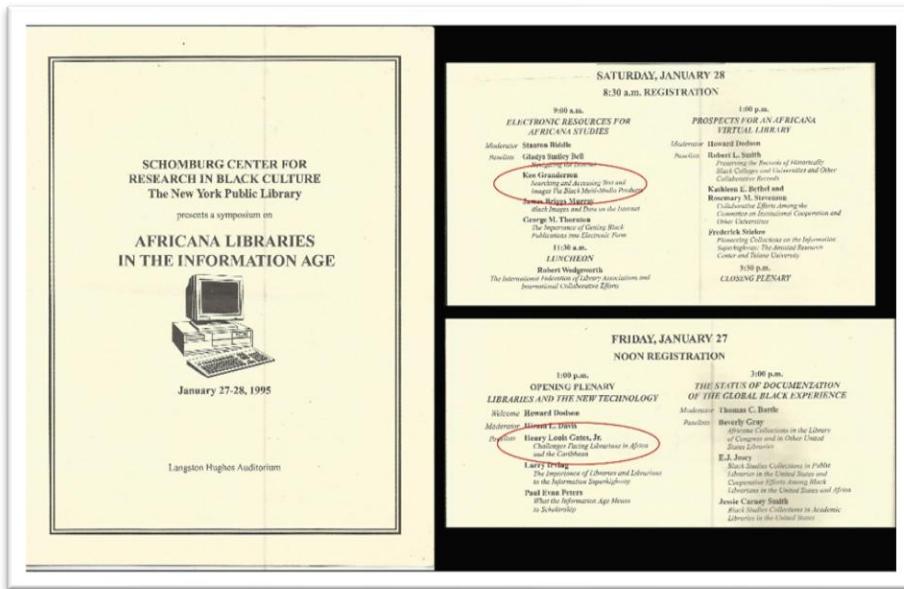
## INSTITUTIONAL, GOVERNMENT, BOOKS, etc.

*(The materials below document continuity and execution history and are provided as supporting context for the NYC-focused work above.)*

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### Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (1995, 2022)

- **1995 Symposium - Africana Libraries in the Information Age** – I demonstrated a completed CD-ROM version of a digitized book on Boston's Black History



- **2022 Silicon Harlem Annual Conference** – I presented my digital Black History work since 1995



🎥 <https://links.blackfacts.com/schomburg>

## Roxbury.com / Inner City Access (1996)

*One of the earliest community web portals demonstrating neighborhood-centered digital infrastructure.*

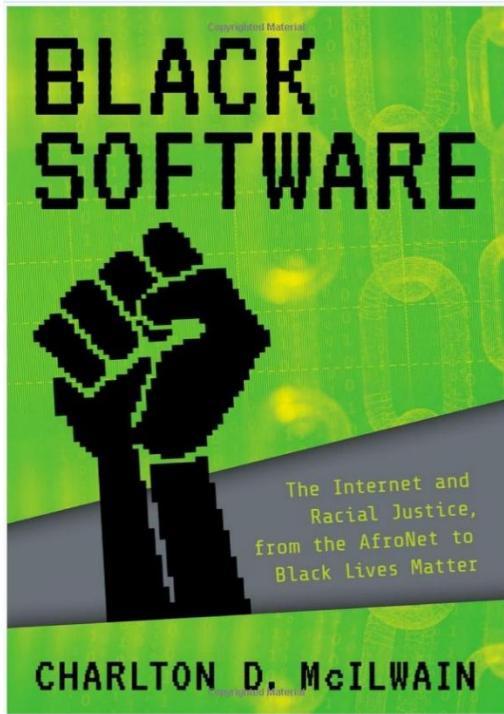


🔗 <https://www.blackhistory.mit.edu/archive/inner-city-software-black-history-month-project-1996>

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## Black Software: From the Afro-Net to Black Lives Matter (2019)

*NYU Professor Charlton McIlwain's 2019 book documenting early Black digital innovation, including my work.*



🔗 <https://www.amazon.com/Black-Software-Internet-Justice-AfroNet/dp/0190863846>

## MIT Alumni Association Article: Building an Online Home for Black History (2021)

February 1, 2021 Home Page article of the MIT Alumni Association, one of Top Ten most popular articles of 2021.

The screenshot shows a web page from the SLICE of MIT website. The header includes the MIT ALUMNI logo, a menu icon, and a search bar. The main title is "Building an Online Home for Black History" by Ken Shulman, published on Feb 1, 2021. The article features a large image of a smiling Black man in front of a wall of smaller images. To the right, there's a sidebar with "Filed Under" categories: ALUMNI LIFE, ALUMNI PROFILES, and COMPUTING. Below this is a "Recommended" section with three smaller articles and their thumbnails.

What do boxer Joe Frazier's birth, the admission of the first African American student to the University of Tennessee, and the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in

🔗 <https://alum.mit.edu/slice/building-online-home-black-history>

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## Official Website of the Government of Saint Lucia (2014-present)

*The Government's primary communication platform to their citizens since 2014.*

National culinary team shines at Taste of the Caribbean 2025

THE 2025 COMPETITION WAS HELD IN BARBADOS, FROM NOV. 16 TO 18.

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**Our Government**

- Governor General
- Prime Minister
- Cabinet of Ministers
- House of Assembly

**Access Government**

- Departments
- Directory
- Statutory Bodies
- Saint Lucia's Representatives
- Media

**Latest News**

[Watch NTN Live](#)

**Government of Saint Lucia's Covid-19 Website**

**E-Services**

- Tax e-Filing
- Companies / IP
- Customs / Excise

**Services**

- Accounting/Business Services
- Accreditation of Ambassadors and Presentation of Credentials
- Accreditation of Saint Lucian Representatives Overseas
- Administration services

🔗 <https://www.govt.lc/>

## SELECTED AWARDS

### Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (1999)

*“Duty and Opportunity”* Commencement Luncheon address



🔗 <https://links.blackfacts.com/duty-opportunity>

## Commemorative plaque



↗ <https://kengranderson.com/images/highlights/salem-state-plaque.jpg>

## MIT Community Fellows Program (1997)



## Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (1997)

*Peer recognition for early technical leadership and community contributions.*



# THE WHOLE STORY

## “Unapologetically Black Technology”

*A 3½ minute video touching on the highlights of my 30 years of community-centered technology work and its evolution into current NYC-focused initiatives.*



🎥 <https://links.blackfacts.com/unapologetically-black>

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## KenGranderson.com

*My Digital CV, listing 200+ images, articles, videos, interviews, presentations, etc from 1991-present.*



✉ <https://kengranderson.com>

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## BlackFacts Educational Foundation

*My 501c3 non-profit to support technology for public good projects – additional project summaries, concept papers and links can be found here.*



🔗 <https://blackfacts.org>