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The Starry Night, 1889, Vincent van Gogh. Image credits (2): Wikipedia



Above: My summer 2023 iPhone background photo from a Shell service station with Tesla superchargers. [Douglas Yazell]

## Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan



2021-2023

**Provide a salute to members** of each demographic who have made great strides in aeronautics and astronautics

- ✓ **February** - Black History Month
- ✓ **March** - Women's History Month
- ✓ **May** - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- ✓ **June** - LGBTQ Pride Month
- ✓ **September 15–October 15** - National Hispanic Heritage Month
- ✓ **November** - National American Indian Heritage Month

Wikipedia: Bell is often credited as one of the originators of critical race theory.

#### External videos

[Derrick Bell threatens to leave Harvard](#), April 24, 1990, 11:34, Boston TV Digital Archive<sup>[21]</sup>  
 Student [Barack Obama](#) introduces Derrick Bell starting at 6:25



Diversity

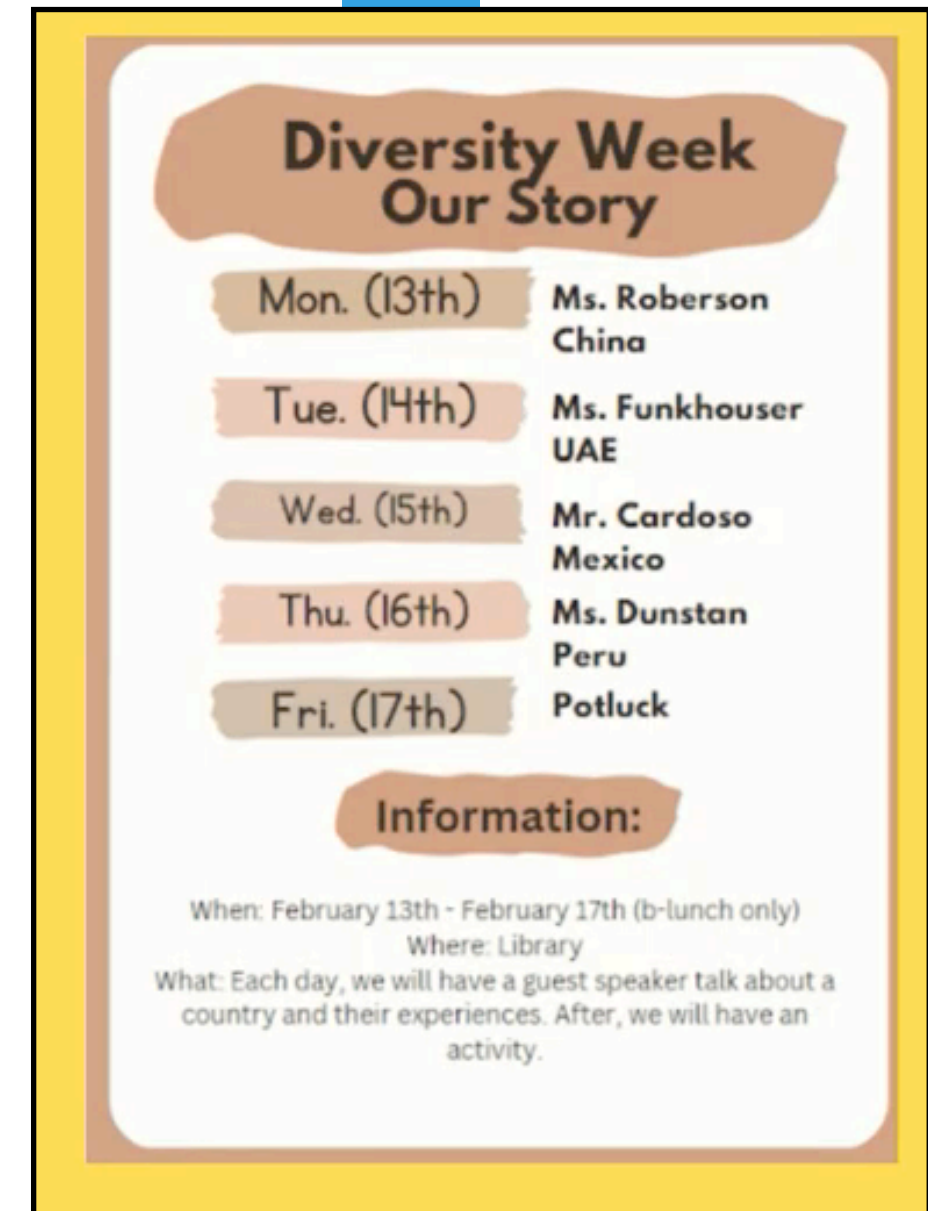
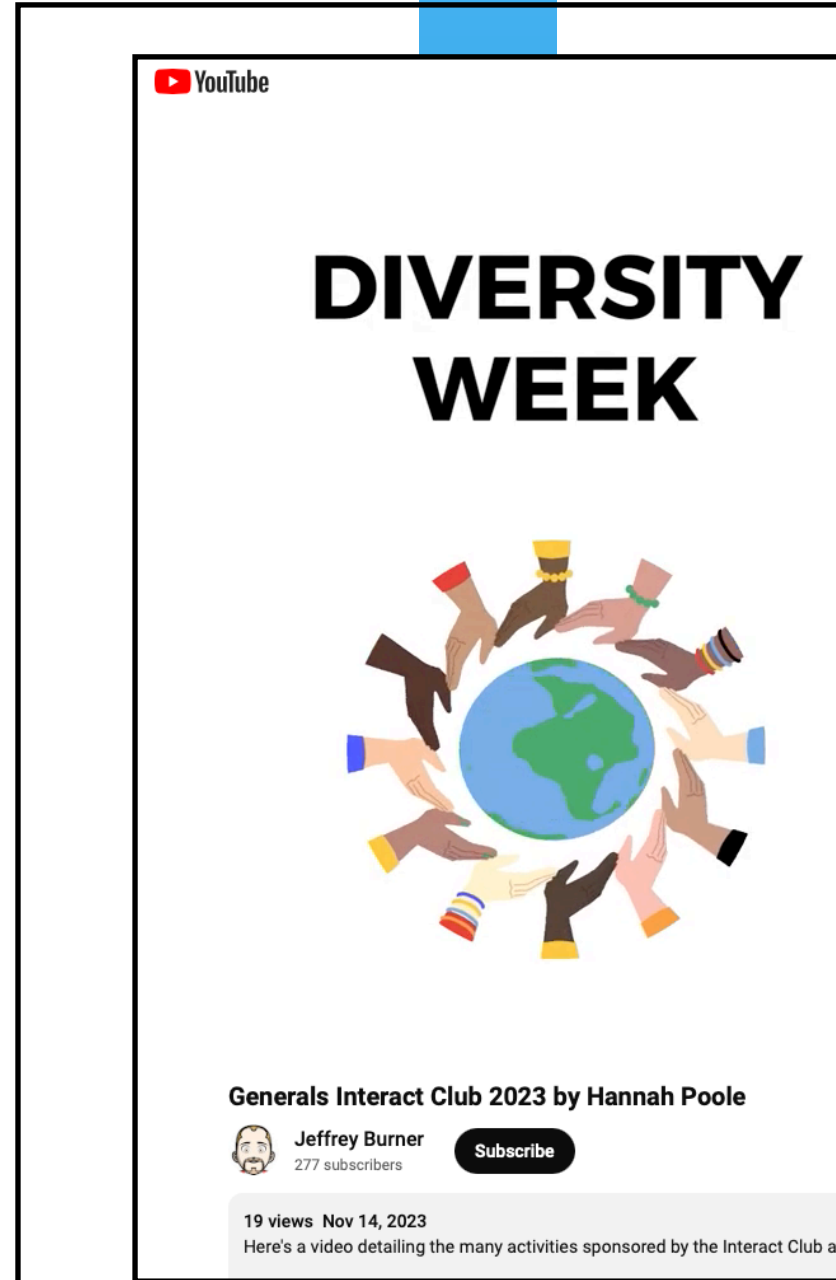
The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan Archived on our Houston Section Server

# Goals and Objectives

**GOAL 1: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE AIAA COMMUNITY AS ESSENTIAL TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE INSTITUTE.**

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase awareness within the AIAA community of the importance of diversity and inclusion.



Climate

“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”

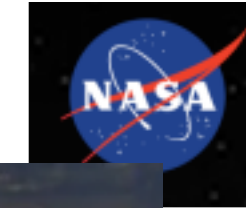
<https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/>

### How Do We Know Climate Change is Real?

There is unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming at an unprecedented rate. Human activity is the principal cause.

Earth-orbiting satellites and new technologies have helped scientists see the big picture, collecting many different types of information about our planet and its climate all over the world. These data, collected over many years, reveal the signs and patterns of a changing climate.

[Read More](#) →



# Climate Change

From the unique vantage point in space, NASA collects critical long-term observations of our changing planet.

#### Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent

↓ 12.2 percent per decade since 1979

#### Ice Sheets

↓ 408 billion metric tons per year

#### Sea Level

↑ 4 inches since January 1993

#### Ocean Warming

↑ 360 zettajoules since 1955

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New

#### Ice Sheets

↓ 424 billion metric tons per year

#### Sea Level

↑ 4 inches since January 1993

#### Ocean Warming

↑ 360 zettajoules since 1955

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Old

#### Carbon Dioxide

↑ 425 parts per million

#### Global Temperature

↑ 1.4 °C since preindustrial

#### Methane

↑ 1932 parts per billion

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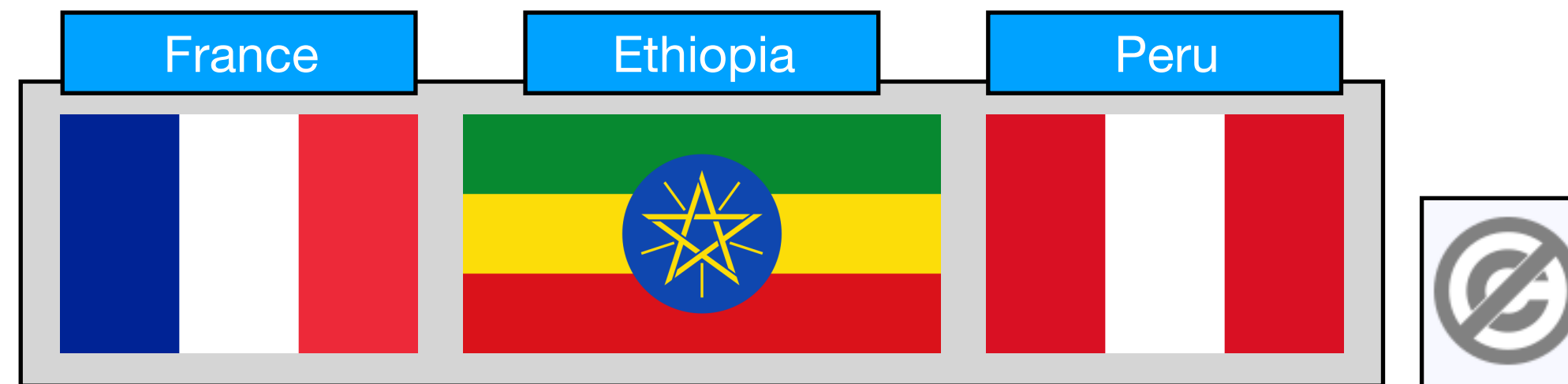
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France: Francis Guimera, preceded by Alain Chevalier

Houston: Douglas Yazell

Ethiopia-USA:

Ethiopia: Tulu Bessa Bedada, PhD and Berhan Gessesse, PhD

Houston: Thomas Haregot

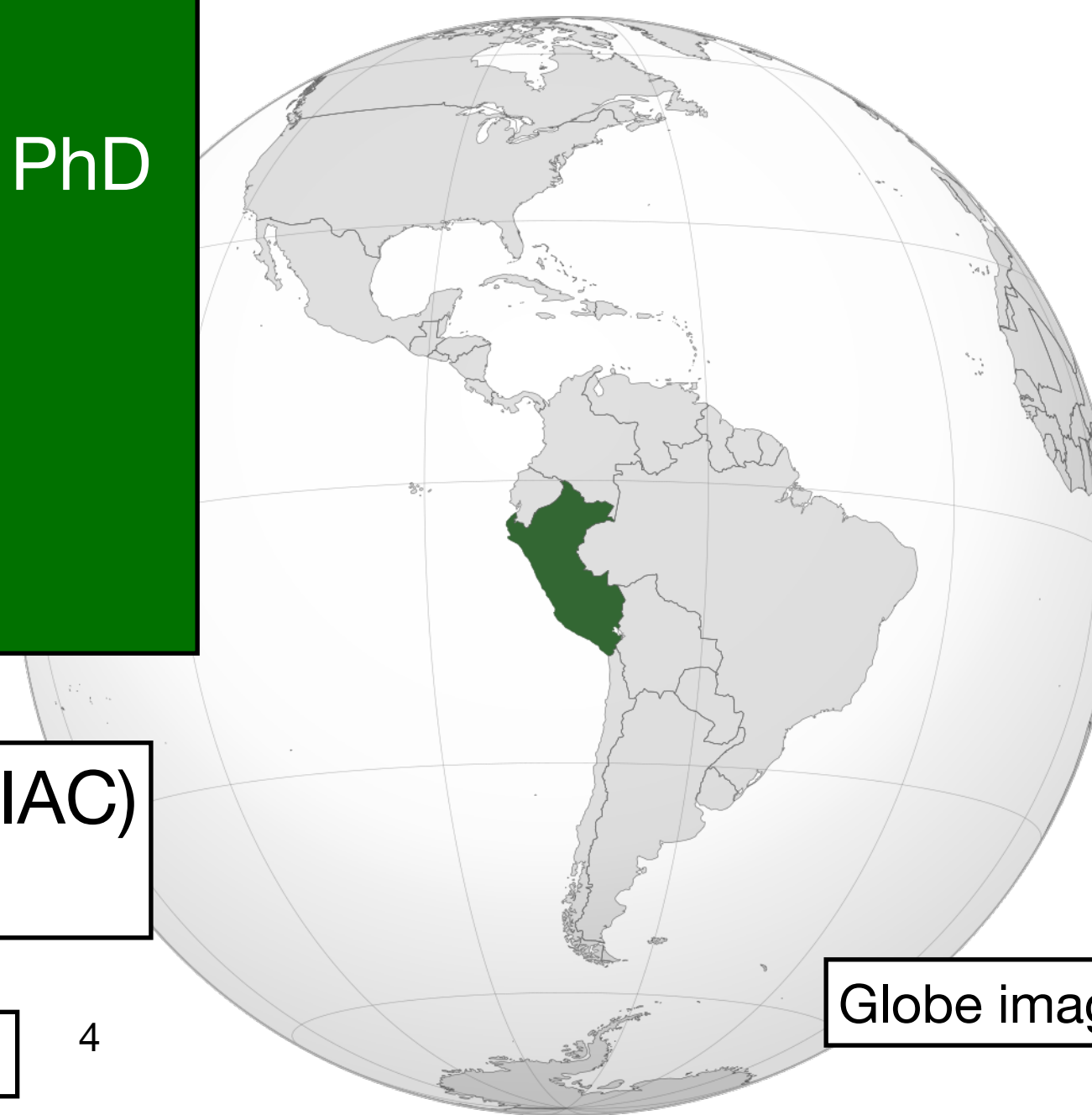
Peru-USA:

Houston: Jackelyne Silva-Martinez

Peru: Julio Valdivia, Saul Perez

AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC)

Chair: Douglas Yazell, [douglas.yazell@me.com](mailto:douglas.yazell@me.com)



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France

**Angelique Chrisafis in Paris**  
Wed 8 May 2024 00.00 EDT

**The Guardian**

**Paris Olympic Games 2024**  
**Olympic torch to make 400 stops on path to Paris opening ceremony**

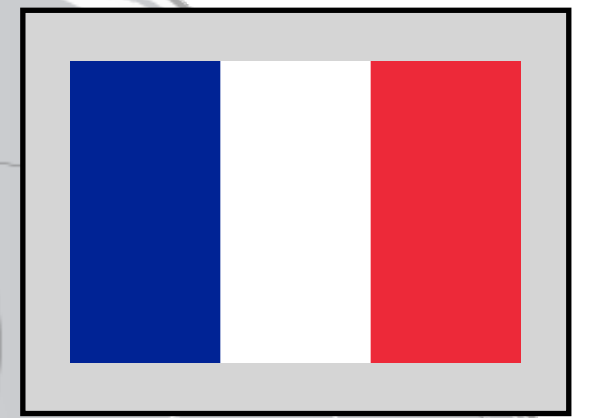
Sports stars, survivors of terror attacks and a 102-year-old French Resistance veteran among 10,000 set to carry flame

**Associated Press**  
Mon 6 May 2024 20.33 EDT

**The Guardian**

**Victor Wembanyama**  
**Wembanyama named unanimous NBA rookie of the year after stunning debut season**

- **Frenchman averaged double-double in 2023-24**
- **20-year-old is third winner from San Antonio Spurs**



Globe image: Wikipedia.



Ethiopia

# Visualizing Fascism; Bringing Fascist History to the Screen

RUTH BEN-GHIAT

MAY 12 2024

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So let's take a Fascist newsreel of a state rally and see what happens when we go into the crowd. This was one of the most important rallies of the Fascist era: the crowd was assembled in Piazza Venezia in October 1935 to hear Mussolini's announcement of the invasion of Ethiopia. Italian troops were already ready to strike at the Ethiopian border, so the rally was largely performative in nature. The regime wished to show the world that the invasion had a popular mandate.

As some of you know, I am a historical consultant for film and television. I was the sole consultant on Guillermo del Toro's *Pinocchio* (2022), which was set in Fascist Italy and won an Academy Award. I've been waiting to tell you about my latest project: "Hitler and the Nazis: Evil on Trial," a docuseries directed by Joe Berlinger. It premieres on Netflix on June 5.

ETHIOPIAN SPACE SCIENCE SOCIETY

<https://www.ethiosss.org>



Current events:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/ethiopia>

Head of mission	Mr Gezahegn Kebede, Honorary Consul
Consular services	No information available
Supervising authority	Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C.

**Ethiopian Honorary Consulate in Houston, United States**

**U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia**

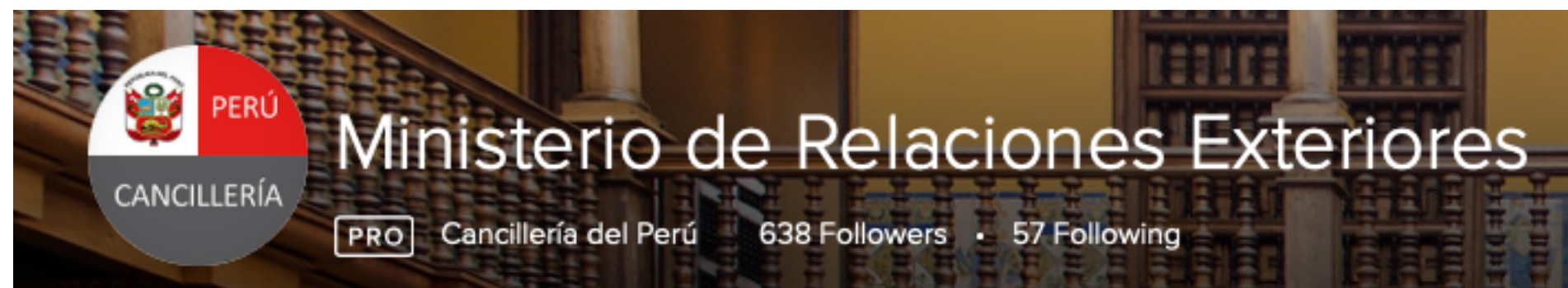
**Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson**



**Deputy Chief of Mission Fiona Evans**

Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, arrived in Addis Ababa on February 25, 2022 to begin her assignment as Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia. She previously served as Ambassador to Kosovo, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Ambassador Jacobson's earlier overseas assignments include Seoul, Moscow, Nassau, and Riga. Her domestic assignments include serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, Deputy Director of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, and Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Security Council at the White House. Ambassador Jacobson is joined in Ethiopia by her husband, David Baugh, a retired member of the British Diplomatic Service.

Globe image: Wikipedia.



Above: The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Peru and Chile Javier González-Olaechea and Alberto van Klaveren in statements to the press, at the end of the XXIX Council of Ministers of the Pacific Alliance. [Flickr, March 22, 2024]

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Peru

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Peruvian Consulate General in Houston, United States

Head of mission	Mr Rodolfo Enrique Coronado Molina, Consul General
Consular services	No information available
Supervising authority	Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C.

Coat of Arms

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/peru>

**U.S. EMBASSY IN PERU**

**Lisa Kenna**  
Ambassador

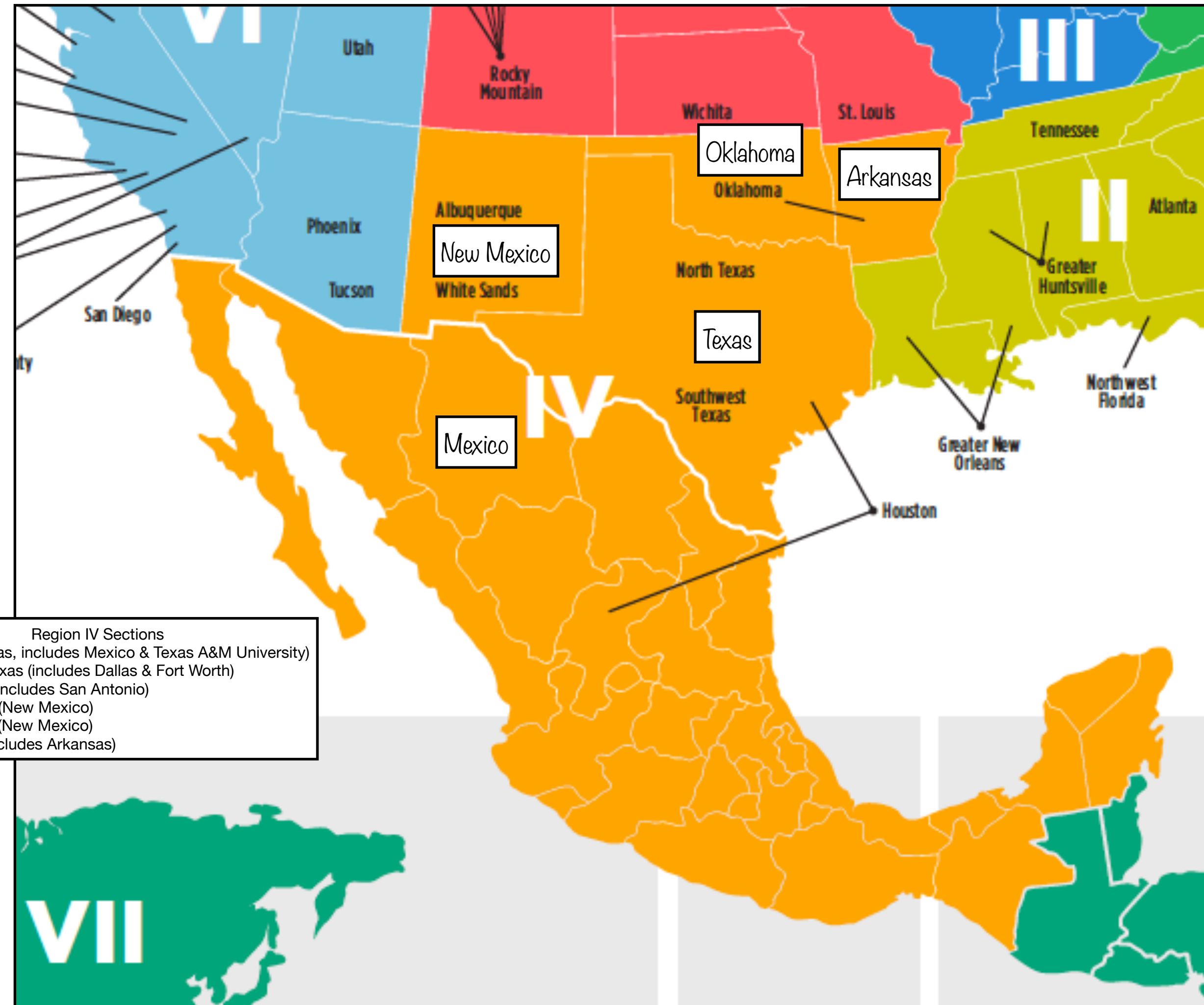
Ambassador Lisa Kenna is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister Counselor. She served most recently as the Executive Secretary of the Department of State.



Mexico



AIAA Houston Section: Mexico and the Section's territory in Texas  
AIAA Region VII (International) and Region IV (Mexico and four states of the USA)



- Region IV Sections
1. Houston (Texas, includes Mexico & Texas A&M University)
  2. Southwest Texas (includes Dallas & Fort Worth)
  3. North Texas (includes San Antonio)
  4. Albuquerque (New Mexico)
  5. White Sands (New Mexico)
  6. Oklahoma (includes Arkansas)



Mexico

Jonathan Watts

Wed 8 May 2024 10.00 EDT

The Guardian

Climate crisis

# Disease and hunger soar in Latin America after floods and drought, study finds

Climate chaos is threatening food production, trade and lives, says World Meteorological Organization

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/mexico>



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Flag of the USA



Flag of Texas



U.S. EMBASSY & CONSULATES IN MEXICO

Head of mission

Alicia G. Kerber Palma, Consul General

Consular services

- ✓ Visa applications accepted
- ✓ Passport services available
- ✓ Legalization services available

Mexican Consulate General in Houston, United States

Supervising authority

Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C.

Fossils

Nicola Davis Science correspondent

Tue 23 Apr 2024 19.01 EDT

The Guardian

# 'An enigma': scientists finally learn what giant prehistoric shark looked like

Full and part skeletons found in Mexico reveal body shape and anatomy of Ptychodus as well as its likely diet

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO – KEN SALAZAR



Ken Salazar was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Mexico on September 2, 2021.

In 2009, President Obama nominated Mr. Salazar to serve as Secretary of Interior where he had a lead role on the Obama-Biden agenda on energy and climate, the nation's conservation agenda including America's Great Outdoors, and Indian Country. Ambassador Salazar has been a lifelong fighter for civil rights and the inclusion of Latinos in the American dream.

In 1998, Mr. Salazar was elected as Colorado Attorney General and became the first Latino ever elected to statewide office in Colorado. He was reelected as Attorney General in 2002. In 2004, Attorney General Salazar was elected to the United States Senate for Colorado becoming the first Latino democrat to be elected to the United States Senate since 1972.

Ambassador Salazar has been admitted to practice law in state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Ambassador Salazar and his family have farmed along the banks of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico and Colorado for more than four centuries.

Robert E. Lee High School  
Huntsville Alabama  
Silver Sabre yearbooks  
1964  
1966

Butler High School (S. R. Butler High School)  
Huntsville Alabama  
Rebel yearbooks  
1955  
1955  
1958  
1970  
1971

Above: As I used Flickr and Archive Dot Org this month to search for Confederate high school yearbooks from about 1941 to 1975, I found some yearbooks from Huntsville Alabama, home of one of our NASA centers. I came to this study thanks to Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown Texas near Houston's NASA/JSC.

**HOUSTON CHRONICLE**

**LOCAL // EDUCATION**

### Fight over whether to change name of Robert E. Lee High School leaves scars in Baytown

By **Shelby Webb**, Staff writer  
Updated March 26, 2021 9:27 p.m.

