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#### Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Missoula

A member of the Houston-based Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, answers audience questions during an event at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. The event was part of the 100-year commemoration of the 1910 fires that killed 78 firefighters and burned more than three million acres in Montana and Idaho.

For more information on the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, visit [www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/](http://www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/)

For more information on the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, visit [www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/](http://www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/)

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## Forest Service Northern Region



Buffalo Soldiers National Museum (BSNM) is located in Houston Texas.

The Camp Logan Mutiny is also known as the Houston Riot of 1917. One result was 118 Buffalo Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Regiment were tried in three courts-martial, and 19 were executed. In 2023, those convictions were overturned after a review by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

The Wikipedia article explains that the original units existed from 1866 to 1918 (in two sections, Medal of Honor Recipients and Other Notable People). They might have some aviation experience. If so, that helps to connect them to us, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). We started in 1963 by merging two societies whose founding years were 1930 and 1932, so we celebrate our starting year as 1931.

<https://buffalosoldiersmuseum.org/>

My \$22 museum souvenir.



Diversity

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

# 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.

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

# 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

## Flight Path



# Meet the New AIAA Diversity Working Group Chair, Sonya Smith

JULY/AUGUST 2024



**Sonya T. Smith, Ph.D**

Professor, Mechanical Engineering, and Interim Executive Director Research Institute for Tactical Autonomy (RITA) University Affiliated Research Center (UARC)

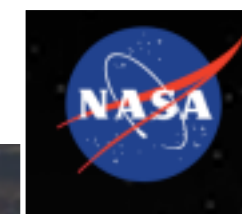
Sonya T. Smith obtained her Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia (UVA) in 1995 and was the first African-American woman to do so. She joined the Howard University faculty in 1995 and is the first tenured female faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. At Howard University she established the Applied Fluids-Thermal Engineering Research Laboratory (@FTErLab), an interdisciplinary theoretical and computational research group. She has received support for her research from NSF, NIH, NASA, DoD, and industry.

<https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/departments/meet-the-new-aiaa-diversity-working-group-chair-sonya-smith/>

Climate

“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”

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



# 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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Old

### Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent

↓ 12.2 percent per decade since 1979

### Ice Sheets

↓ 406 billion metric tons per year

### Sea Level

↑ 4 inches since January 1993

### Ocean Warming

↑ 360 zettajoules since 1955

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New

### Carbon Dioxide

↑ 425 parts per million

### Global Temperature

↑ 1.4 °C since preindustrial

### Methane

↑ 1932 parts per billion

### Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent

↓ 12.2 percent per decade since 1979

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Old

### Carbon Dioxide

↑ 427 parts per million

### Global Temperature

↑ 1.4 °C since preindustrial

### Methane

↑ 1929 parts per billion

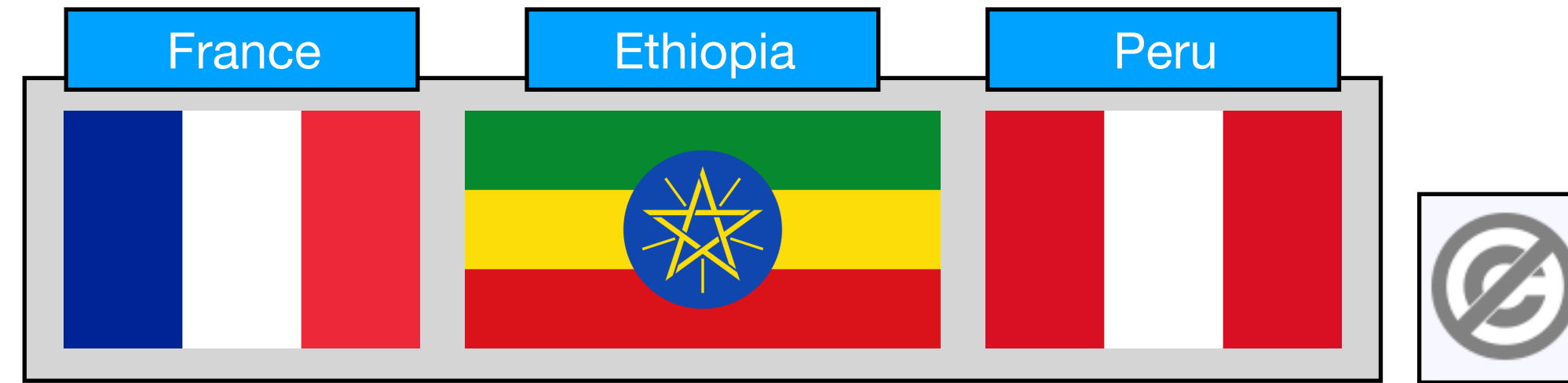
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New

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### AIAA Houston Section sister sections

France-USA: [www.3af-mp.fr](http://www.3af-mp.fr)

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



Globe images: Wikipedia.

France

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/article/2024/aug/01/paris-olympics-tv-france-headscarf-ban-games>

Paris Olympic Games 2024



The Paris Olympics may look fair and inclusive on TV. The truth is much darker

From a headscarf ban for French athletes to social cleansing in the capital, these Games rest on a foundation of injustice

Rokhaya Diallo

Thu 1 Aug 2024 02.00 EDT

France Olympique



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OLYMPIC GAMES - PARIS 2024 - JUDO - 20240728

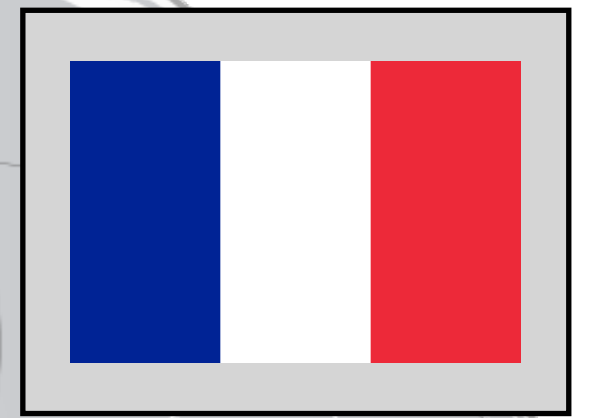
Amandine Buchard (FRA) competes in Judo Women's -52 kg during the Olympic Games Paris 2024, at Champ-de-Mars Arena, in Paris, France, on July 28, 2024, Photo Fabien Boukila / KMSP II 001386\_0073 JUDO SPORT FEMMES OLYMPIC GAMES JEUX OLYMPIQUES ACTION PARIS 2024 2024

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246th Independence Day

Remarks by Ambassador Denise Bauer



The Consul General



VALÉRIE BARABAN

Consul General of France in Houston

Globe image: Wikipedia.

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France

Denise Bauer : U.S Ambassador to France and Monaco [VIDEO]

From journalist to U.S. ambassador to France: Denise Bauer, President Biden's ambassador to France, talks about her career and her priorities... and also introduces you to her foster dog Daisy, who sometimes comes to work with her at the embassy.

# Ethiopia

Global development



## 'It's rude not to offer three cups': the lengthy, beloved coffee rituals binding Ethiopians together

Fred Harter

Tue 23 Apr 2024 00.00 EDT

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2024/apr/23/its-rude-not-to-offer-three-cups-the-lengthy-beloved-coffee-rituals-binding-ethiopians-together>

Brewing can involve incense, butter, herbs or spices, and takes so long neighbours take it in turns. But they wouldn't have it any other way



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Irene

Ethiopian coffee

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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.

**Peru**

**The Guardian**

# Uncontacted tribe seen in Peruvian Amazon where loggers are active

Mashco Piro sighted coming out of rainforest more frequently, apparently moving away from loggers

*Reuters in Lima*

Tue 16 Jul 2024 13.38 EDT

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jul/16/uncontacted-tribe-peru-loggers>

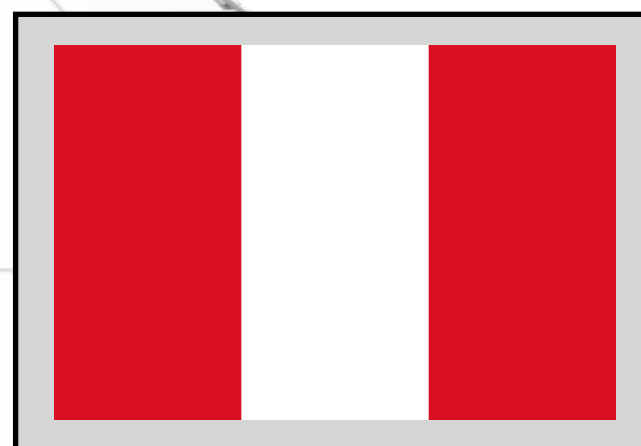


Coat of Arms



Peru

Globe image: Wikipedia.



**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.

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



**U.S. EMBASSY IN PERU**

**Lisa Kenna**

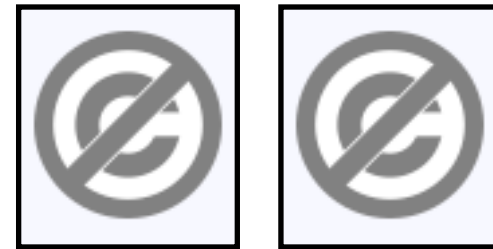
**Ambassador**

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.

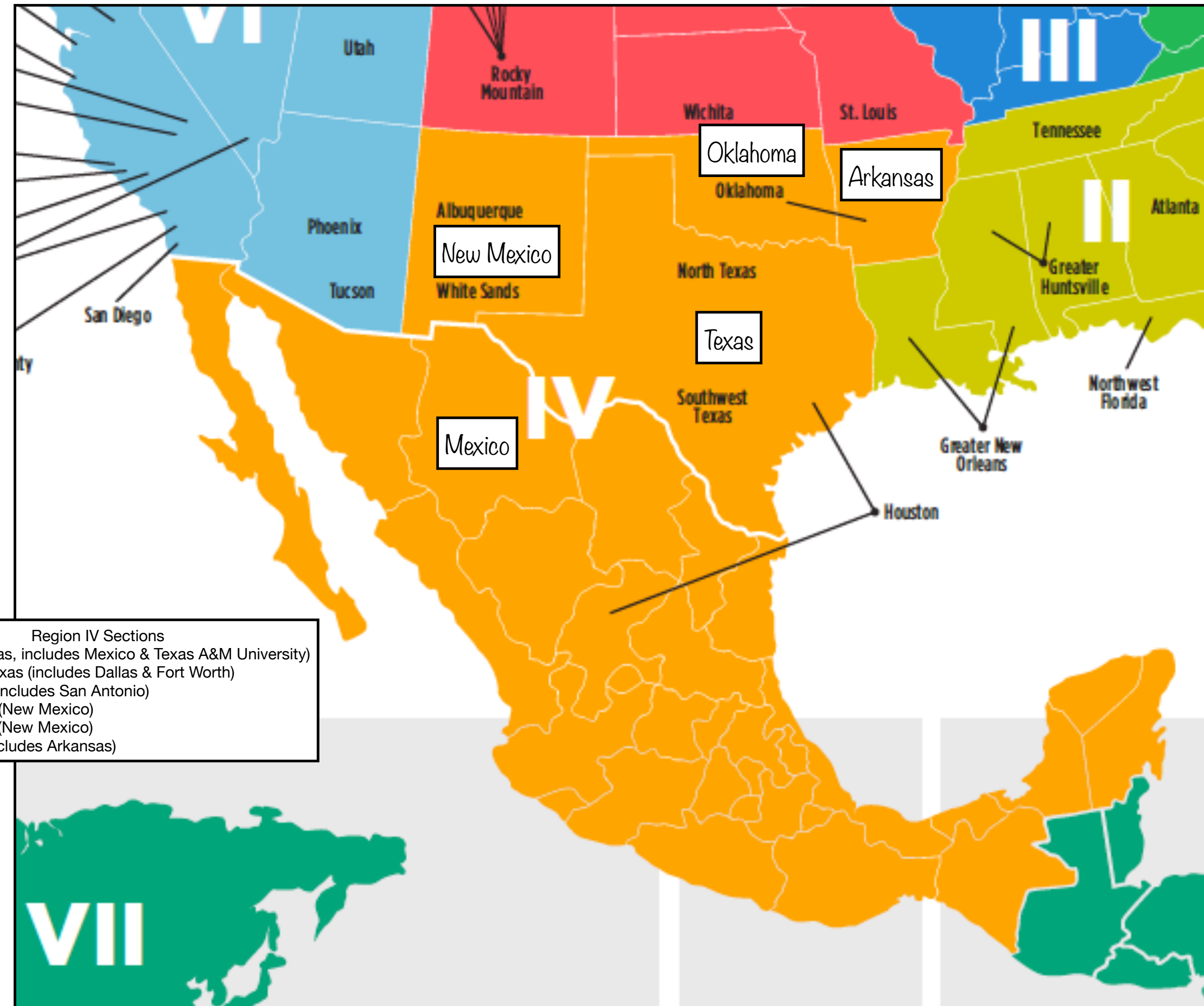


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Mexico



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

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/03/venezuela-blinken-congratulates-gonzalez-on-winning-election-as-more-countries-come-out-against-maduro>

The Guardian

# Venezuela: Blinken congratulates González on winning election as more countries come out against Maduro

US secretary of state also voices concern for opposition candidate's safety while Venezuelan government accuses Washington of leading 'coup attempt'

Reuters

Sat 3 Aug 2024 02.45 EDT

On Friday, the Mexican president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, criticised the US stance as "an excess" and accused Blinken of "overstepping his boundaries".



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

Globe image: Wikipedia.

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.

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.

Images by Douglas Yazell, CC BY-NC 2.0. Electric Vehicles (EVs) already work well against our greenhouse gas emissions. There are many choices. Shown here are a few seen this week near NASA/JSC: Mustang Mach-E, Model Y, and Cybertruck (a bulletproof pickup truck, "tough" in some ways).



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