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Art from the 1st book publication (1917) of Burrough’s 1912 A Princess of Mars. “The novel was illustrated by Frank E. Schoonover, who carefully read the descriptive passages on the costumes and weapons of Barsoom and developed an overall concept for the artwork, even ensuring that John’s Carter’s pistol and belt in his cover illustration reflected their origins in Green Martian craftsmanship.” [Wikipedia]
Diversity


“We need to make the ultimate pivot…”

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.

NEW YORK AG LETITIA JAMES THREATENS ‘DECISIVE LEGAL ACTION’ OVER COUNTY’S TRANSGERDER ATHLETE BAN

BY BROOKE MIGDON - 03/01/24 4:31 PM ET

EDWARD HELMORE

Florida

University of Florida terminating all diversity, equity and inclusion positions

Move is to comply with state law passed by Governor Ron DeSantis that prohibits public funding of DEI programs

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The NASA Global Climate Change website URL is moving from climate.nasa.gov to science.nasa.gov. I noticed this on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

This change has a big impact. Well-funded climate science denial used to say, per Naomi Oreskes in her 2019 book, “The Earth is not warming, even if it is, the warming is not human-induced, and anyway, we can always just adapt.”

Climate science denial might have changed its message by now, but they are as loud as ever on Fox News channel and Fox Business channel, for example. Here in Houston, I currently monitor weekday shows at 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Fox Business channel.

We fought well-funded climate science denial by saying, “Look at climate.nasa.gov,” but soon we might say, “Look at science.nasa.gov.”

The interconnected stakes are high, but the beautiful struggle continues. [Douglas Yazell, douglas.yazell@me.com, 3/17/2024]
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President Emmanuel Macron answers questions from Gilles Bouleau for TF1 and Anne-Sophie Lapix for France 2, Thursday March 14, 2024. The Head of State speaks about France’s support for Ukraine, after the adoption of the security agreement with Kyiv and his declarations where he said he “does not exclude” the sending of ground troops.

Emmanuel Macron: “The security of the French is at stake in Ukraine.”

German, French and Polish leaders make joint show of unity over Ukraine

Military powers agree to step up purchase of ammunition for Kyiv in effort to dampen mutual tensions over Russia stance.
Ethiopian orders 8 Boeing 777-9 with 12 options

Current events:
- [https://www.theguardian.com/world/ethiopia](https://www.theguardian.com/world/ethiopia)
- [https://www.ethiosss.org](https://www.ethiosss.org)

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**Ethiopia**

**Head of mission**
Mr Gelaye Gebade, Honorary Consul

**Consular services**
No information available

**Supervising authority**
Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C.


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**French journalist arrested in Ethiopia accused of ‘conspiracy to create chaos’**

Antoine Galindo is accused of conspiring with rebels, but press freedom groups say no evidence has been found and call for his immediate release.

**Guardian reporter**
Mon 26 Feb 2024 08:03 EST

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**Westminster Abbey agrees ‘in principle’ to return sacred tablet to Ethiopia**

Carved wooden tabot has been at Abbey since British forces looted it at Battle of Maqdala in 1868.

**Lanre Bakare**
Mon 19 Feb 2024 09:32 EST

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**Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson**

Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassadors, arrived in Addis Ababa on February 23, 2022 to begin her assignment as Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia. Ambassador Jacobson previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Deputy Director of the State Department’s Foreign Service National Academy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the National Security Council in the White House. Ambassador Jacobson is joined in Ethiopia by her husband, David, and their two children.}

Deputy Chief of Mission Fiona Evans
Above: Chancellor Javier González-Olaeche hosted a meeting with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Antony Blinken.

From Flickr, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Perú. “Since 1821, we formulate, carry out, and evaluate the country’s foreign policy.”

**Brazil**

Floods submerge cities in central South America after extreme rainfall - video

Bolivia, Brazil and Peru have been badly affected by severe floods that have displaced citizens, destroyed buildings and isolated entire cities.

Drone video shows water swamping the ground floor of city buildings and submerging roads and railway tracks, with boats escorting people to safety.

The mayor of Machu Picchu said this kind of disaster had not been seen before, and Brasilia's mayor said it was the second-worst flood the city had ever seen.

Source: Reuters
Tue 27 Feb 2024 18.27 EST
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)

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Climate crisis

People displaced by climate crisis to testify in first-of-its-kind hearing in US

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will hear how climate is driving forced migration across the Americas

Pollution

Heavy metals and E. coli: raw sewage at US-Mexico border a ‘public health crisis’

The Tijuana River flows through Mexico and empties off California, carrying pathogens and chemicals and threatening public health

Seascape: the state of our oceans

‘Litigation terrorism’: the obscure tool that corporations are using against green laws

Nina Lakhani, climate justice reporter
Thu 29 Feb 2024 06:15 EST

Maanvi Singh
Thu 15 Feb 2024 14:17 EST

Arthur Neslen
Mon 12 Feb 2024 10:00 EST

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

Mexico

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

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.
Playing For Change has partnered with COP28 [UAE], the United Nations Climate Change Conference, to bring together talents and voices from diverse corners of the globe, in the awe-inspiring Song Around The World, “Waiting on the World to Change.” This remarkable musical endeavor aims to champion the causes of climate change and humanity, fostering a sense of global unity and encouraging action for a better future.

“Waiting on the World to Change” Song Around The World, is a poignantly beautiful anthem, featuring 100 musicians and dancers from 18 countries, collaborating to shine a spotlight on the critical issue of climate change and inspire individuals, communities, and leaders to take meaningful steps towards a sustainable future, while emphasizing the importance of humanity and coming together to support one another.

“The time is now, to unite as a human race. Together we can change the world.” — Mark Johnson (Playing For Change Co-Founder)

Written by John Mayer
Special thank you to The Fridge Entertainment for their artist support in the United Arab Emirates and Rebal Alkhodari and Eduardo Serrano for their support with the Amaan Choir in Jordan and Orpheus Choir in Germany.

http://www.playingforchange.com/