

[Douglas Yazell, 4/25/2023]

My last day volunteering with the AIAA Diversity Working Group (DWG) will be 4/30/2023. They invited me to continue for one more year, until 4/30/2024. They will honor me as a charter member since 2015.

A letter to the editor in the new issue of Aerospace America discusses diversity. I will probably write more about that letter here next month.

Below: My snapshot of the Super Guppy airplane, 4/20/2023.



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



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Below: Snapshots of my friend's new car in my driveway, a Tesla Model Y, a compact crossover utility vehicle (CCUV), a battery electric car, an important part of our response to the human-induced climate emergency, 4/17/2023.



Diversity

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

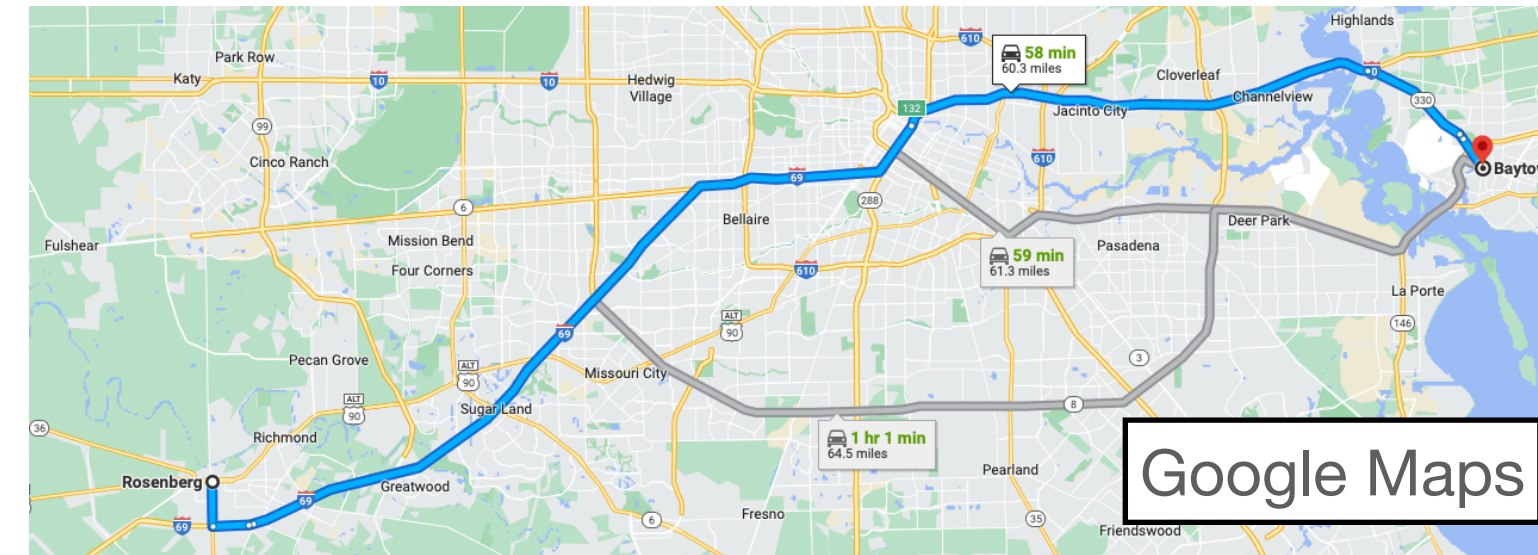
Goals and Objectives

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.



Benjamin Franklin Terry (1821-1861)



Google Maps



Alma Mater

RANGERS FOREVER,
OUR COLORS PROUDLY BEAR.

RED AND GREY
OUR BANNERS FLYING,
SPIRIT, HONOR, GLORY SHARE.

RANGERS FOREVER,
WITH PRIDE WE BUILD OUR FAME.

FAITHFUL ALWAYS TO THY NAME,
FOREVER TERRY HIGH.

Fight Song

WE'RE GONNA
CHEER THE RANGERS
ALL THE WAY FOR A WIN TODAY.

WE'RE GONNA
FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT
WITH ALL OUR MIGHT SO THAT
WE CAN SAY:

THE TERRY RANGERS ARE THE
VERY BEST IN THE USA

SO FIGHT ON FOR VICTORY,
YES, ANOTHER VICTORY,
RANGERS WILL WIN TODAY

I am enjoying the book "Birth of a White Nation" by Jacqueline Battalora. I bought the paperback version of the 2nd edition (2021). She mentions a book called "The Invention of the White Race, The Origins of Racial Repression," by Theodore W. Allen. I borrowed both volumes in a single 2021 eBook from the Harris County Public Library. Volume I was published in 1994 and its 2nd edition was published in 2012. Volume II was published in 1997.

Both authors explain that after Bacon's Rebellion, the richest of the elite created whiteness in law, starting in 1681 in Maryland. Richard Bell explains in episode 5 (A Free Black Family in Colonial Virginia) of his series of lectures (America's Long Struggle Against Slavery) for Great Courses, that in 1662 and 1667, two important anti-Black codes were passed in our colonies, but whiteness was created in law as a response to Bacon's Rebellion.

George Lipsitz wrote in his 1998 book on page viii that opposition to whiteness is not the same as opposition to white people. Also, one need not be white to participate in whiteness, he explained on that same page.

In YouTube videos, Battalora defines whiteness using descriptions such as divide and dominate and a pyramid scheme. Battalora, White, Bell, and Allen explain that after Bacon's Rebellion, whiteness was created to ensure that typical white and Black people never unite again. We continue our long struggle against whiteness today, though as Tim Wise said on YouTube or on his podcast, most people are good people.

Robert E. Lee High School still uses that name in our Houston area (Baytown). B. F. Terry High School (mascot: Rangers) in Rosenberg is even worse in some ways, as shown on their website.

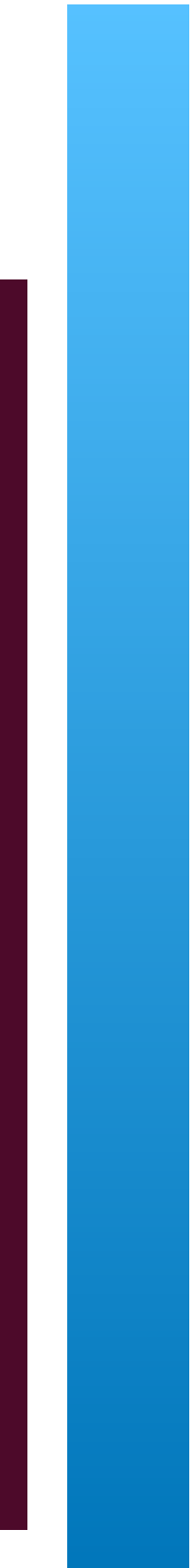
Jeffrey Robinson explained in his Netflix special ("Who We Are") that while we remove Confederate monuments from public places, we rarely remove statues of Thomas Jefferson or George Washington because they were never honored for their relationships with slavery, unlike the people honored by every Confederate monument.

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Robert E. Lee High School

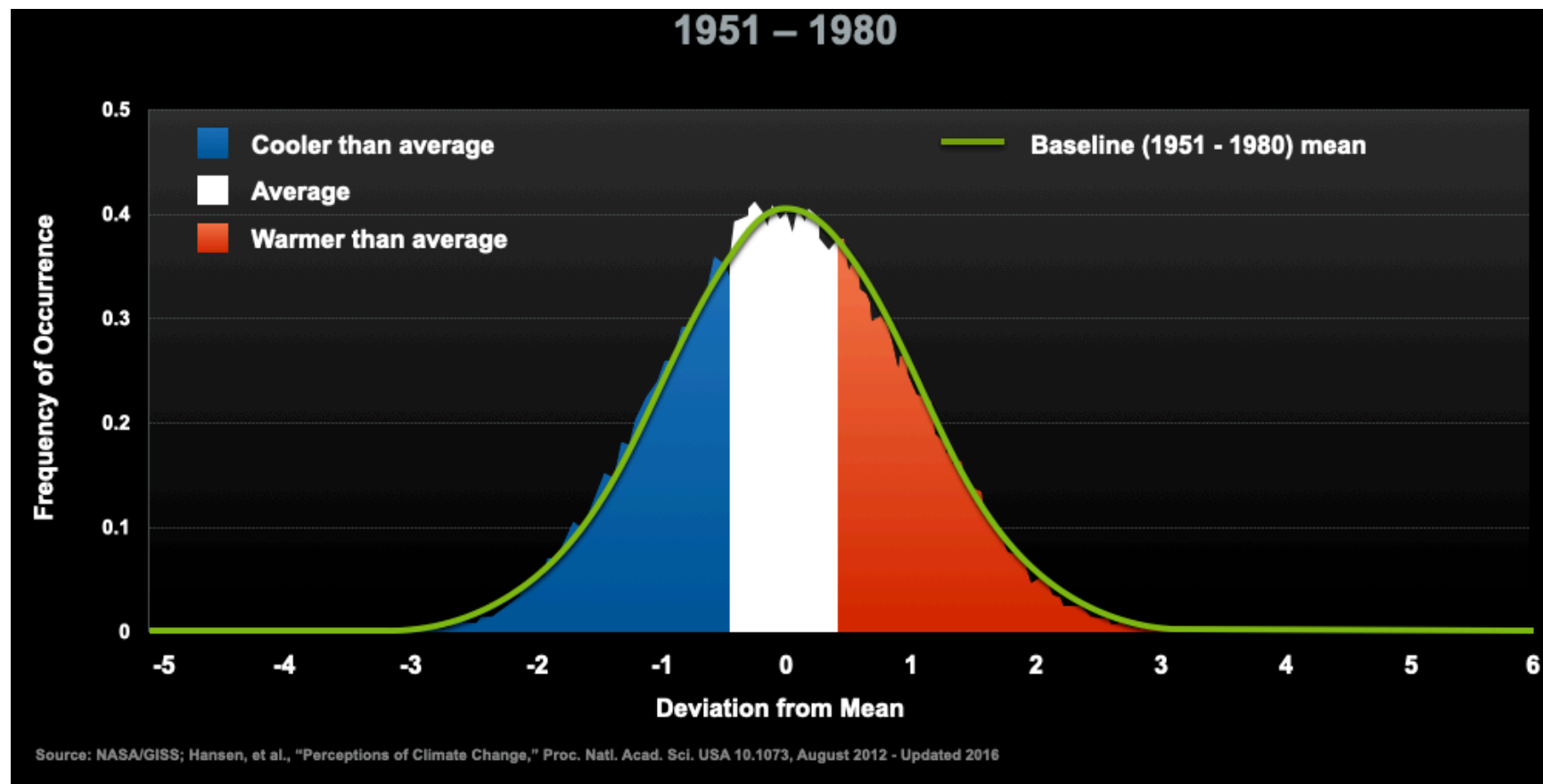
Robert E. Lee High School is committed to excellence in education.

Home of the Ganders
"Once a Gander Always a Gander"

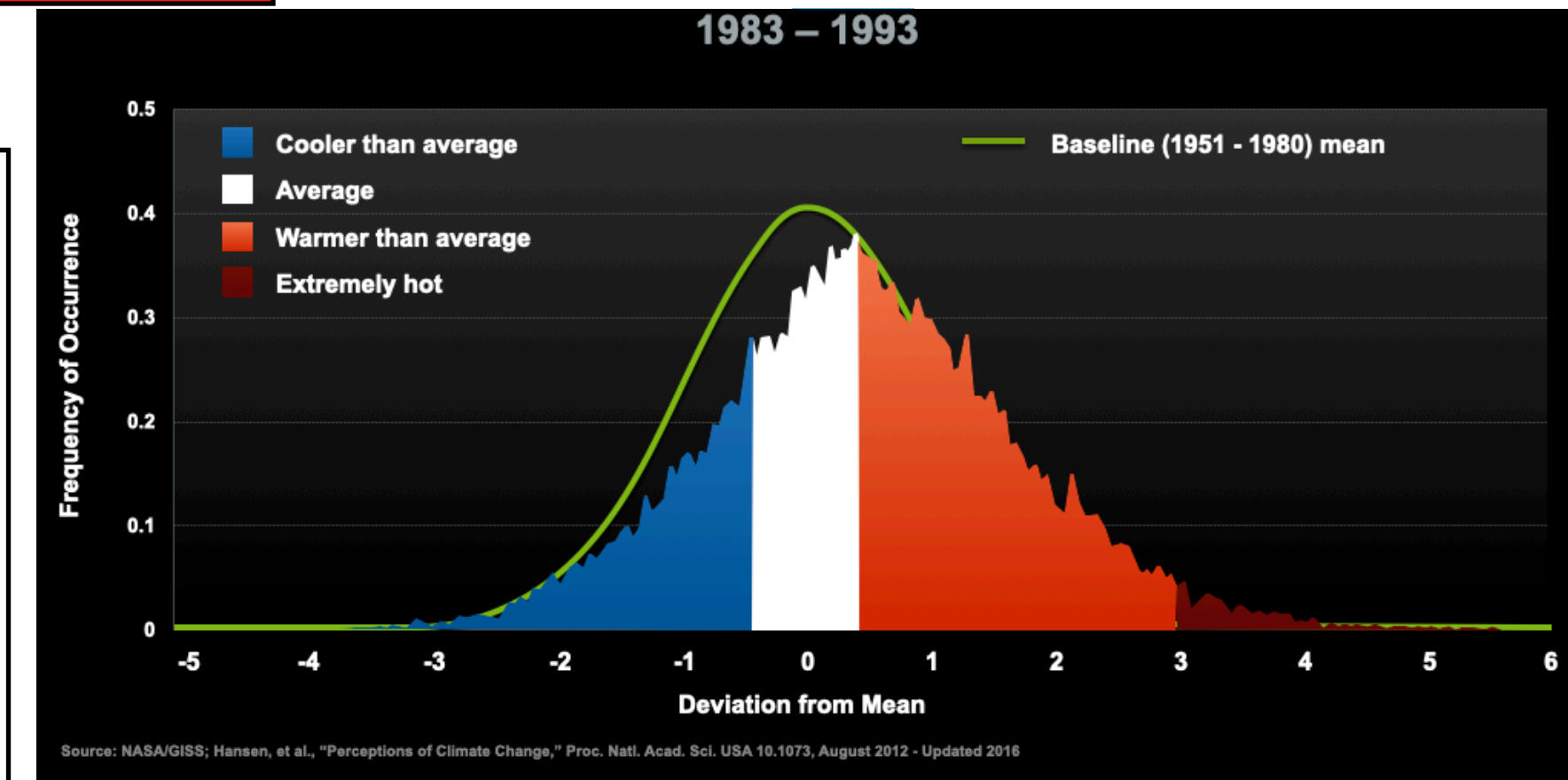


Climate

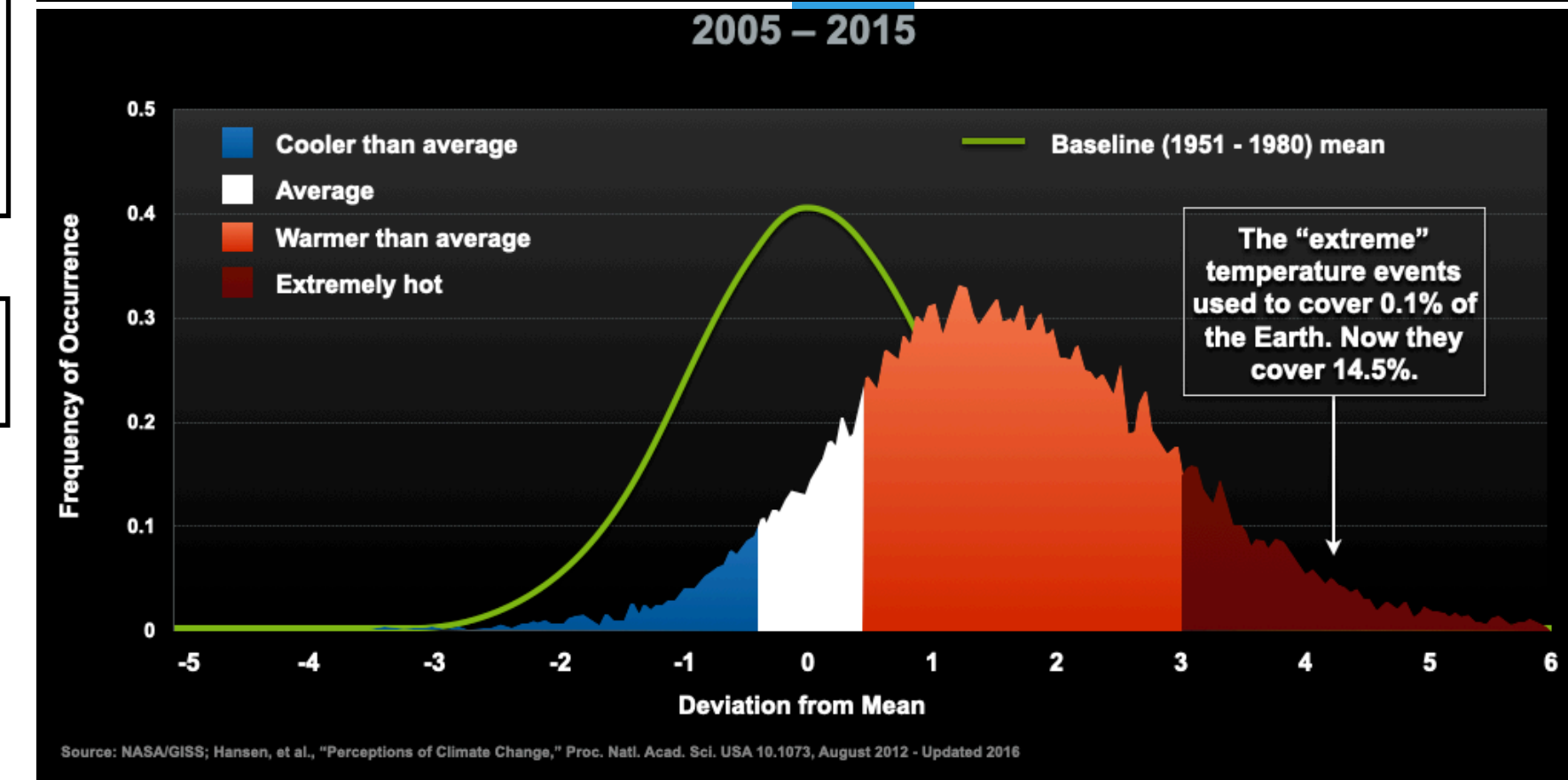
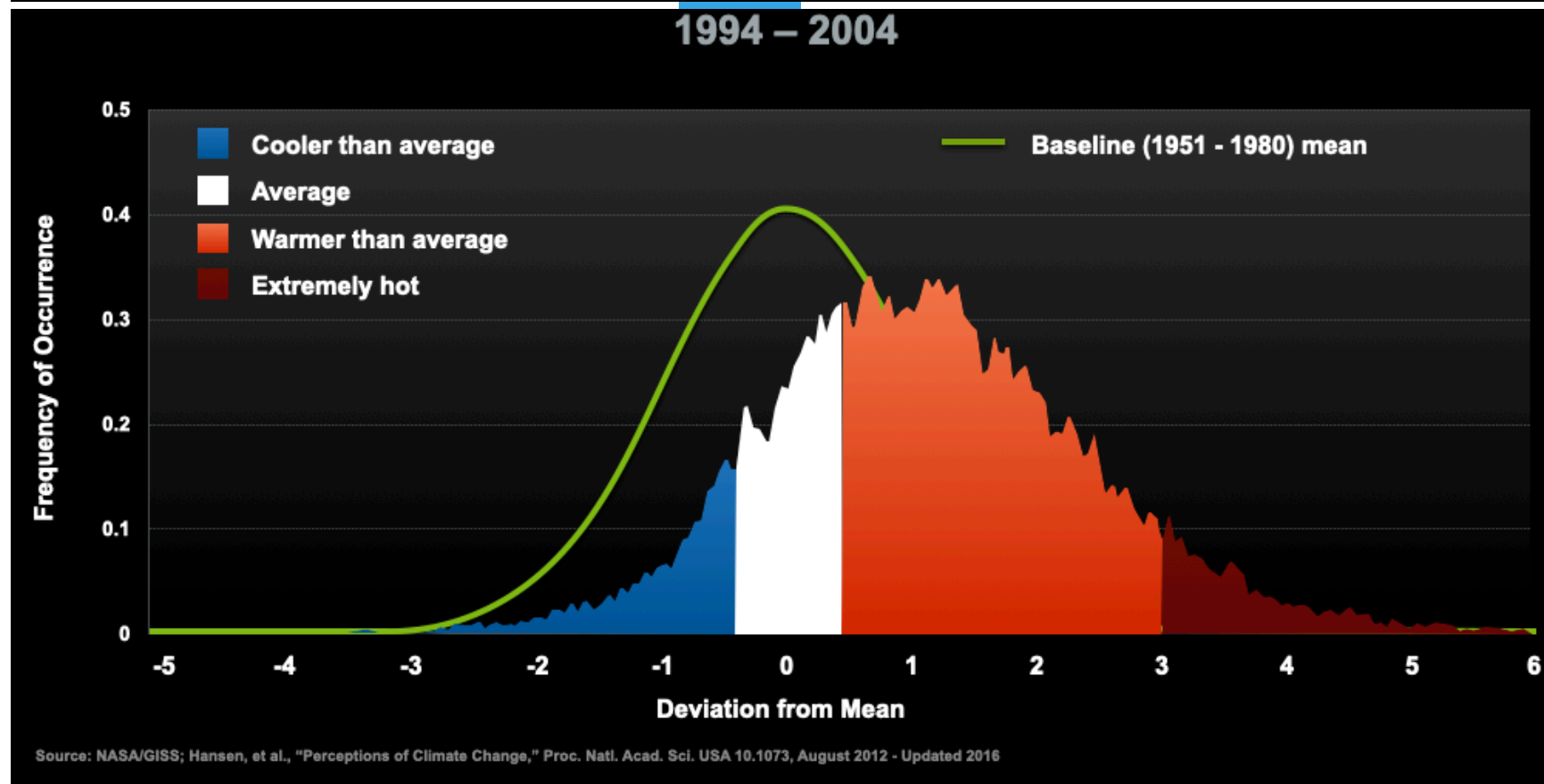
"...the ultimate sense of urgency..."



California and elsewhere in the western continental USA are suffering from unusually damaging winter storms. Bell curves with decades of data show that our planet is warming more and more at the surface, but the tail risk on the cold side starts in the same place. That part of the diagram is flatter and covers less area. We will always have extreme cold weather events, but they will occur far less often than before the creation of our human-induced global warming. Meanwhile, here in Houston, we are experiencing an early spring. [Douglas Yazell, 3/10/2023, douglas.yazell@me.com]



Source: NASA/GISS; Hansen, et al., "Perceptions of Climate Change," Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 10.1073, August 2012 - Updated 2016



Global Temperature
 ↑ 1.1 °C since preindustrial

Sea Level
 ↑ 4 inches since January 1993

Carbon Dioxide
 ↑ 419 parts per million (current)

Ice Sheets
 ↓ 427 billion metric tons per year

NASA GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE
 Vital Signs of the Planet

Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent
 ↓ 12.6 percent per decade since 1979

Ocean Warming
 ↑ 345 zettajoules since 1955

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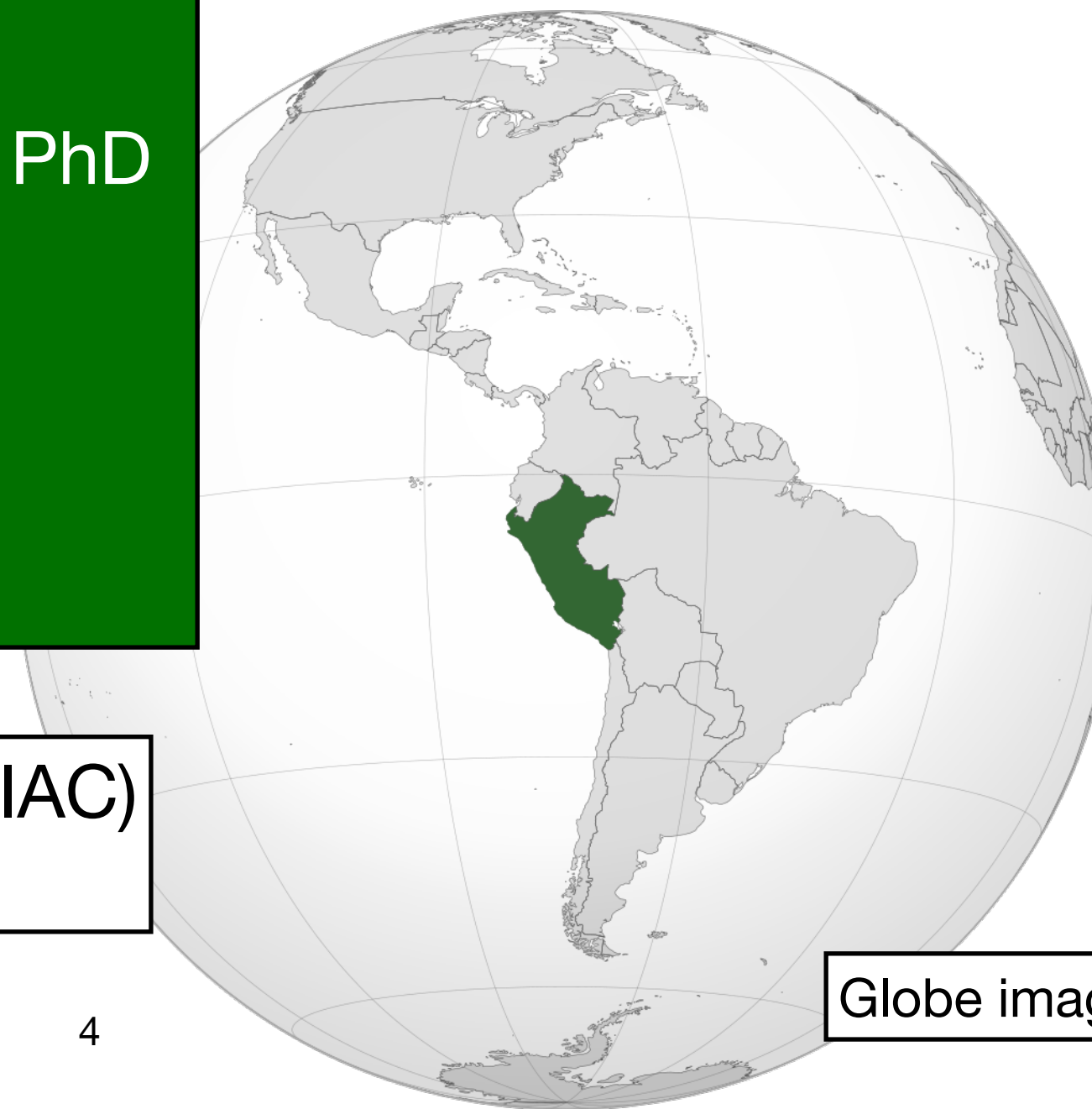
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AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC)
Chair: Douglas Yazell, douglas.yazell@me.com



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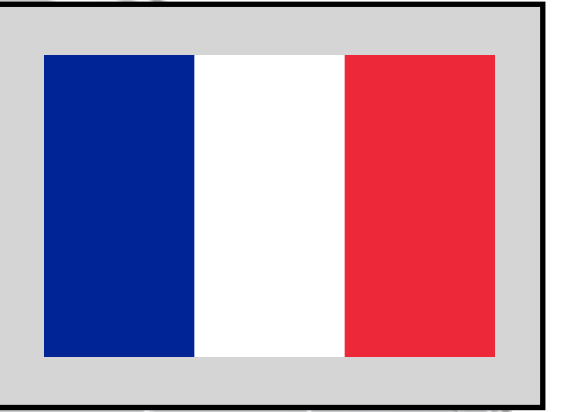
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3 TIMES IN THIS PLANE LHR-CDG / BHX-CDG / CDG-BHX




246th Independence Day
Remarks by Ambassador Denise Bauer



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The Consul General



VALÉRIE BARABAN
Consul General of France in Houston



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

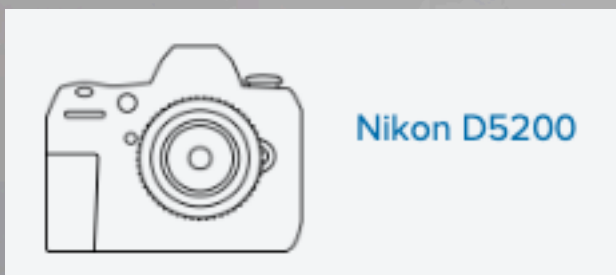
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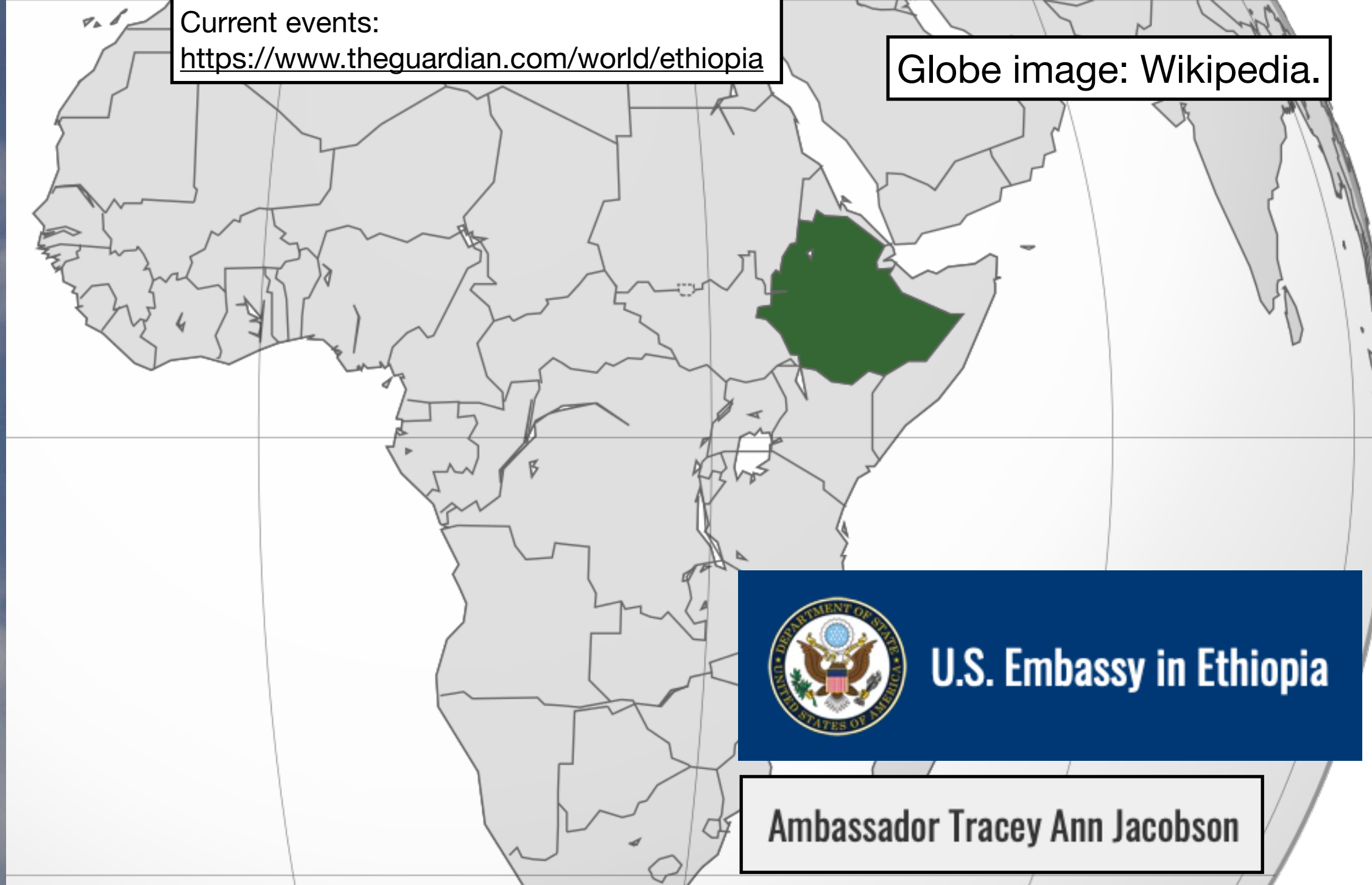
ETHIOPIAN SPACE SCIENCE SOCIETY

<https://www.ethiosss.org>



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

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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.

Head of mission	Mr Gezahegn Kebede, Honorary Consul	Ethiopian Honorary Consulate in Houston, United States
Consular services	<i>No information available</i>	
Supervising authority	Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C.	

Peru



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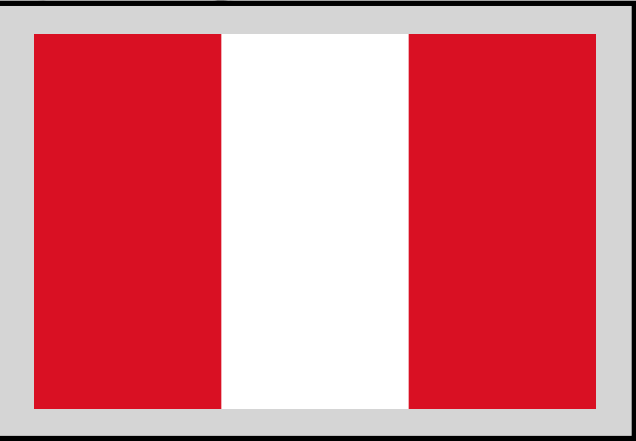
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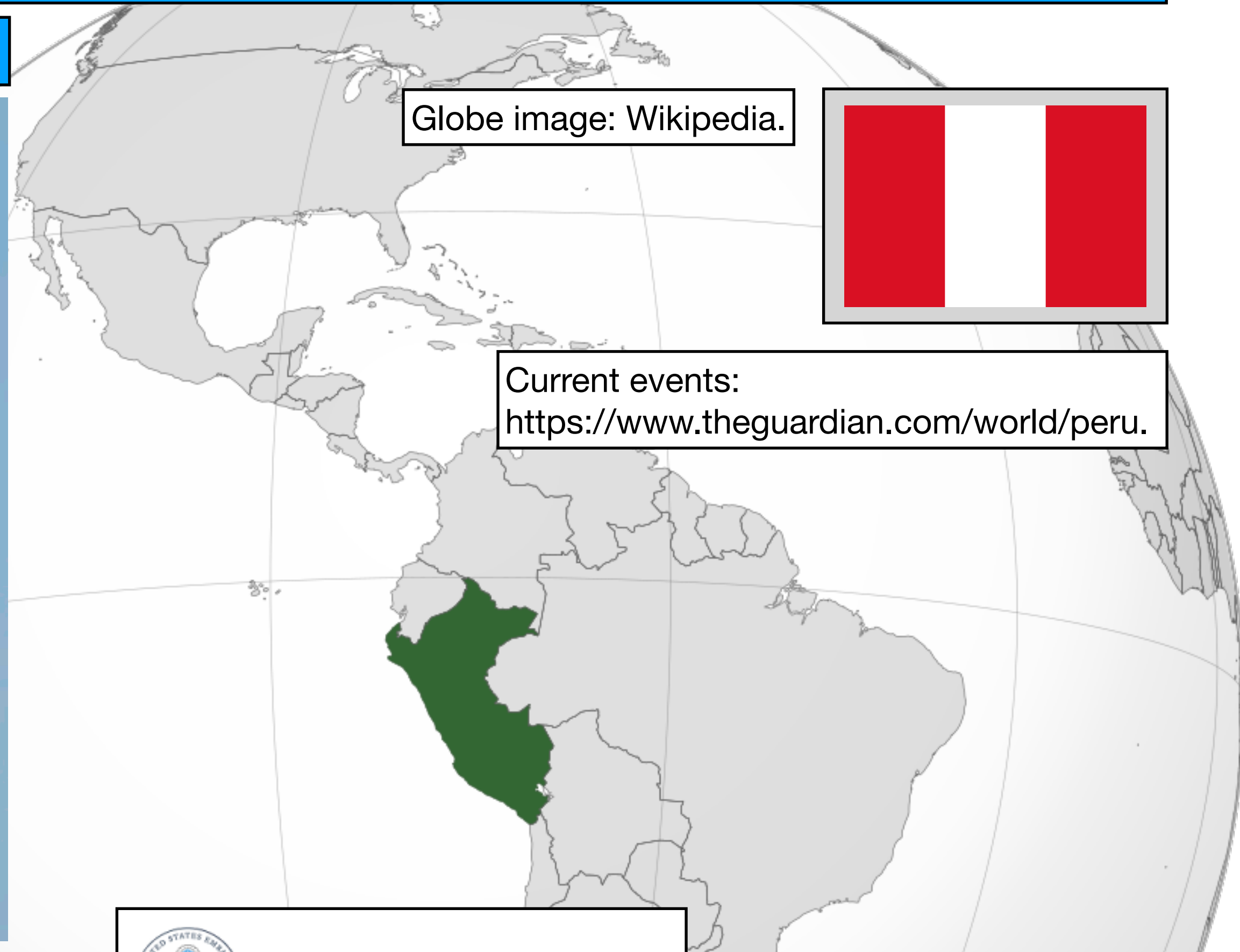
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Lisa Kenna
Ambassador

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.



Head of mission Mr Rodolfo Enrique Coronado Molina, Consul General

Consular services *No information available*

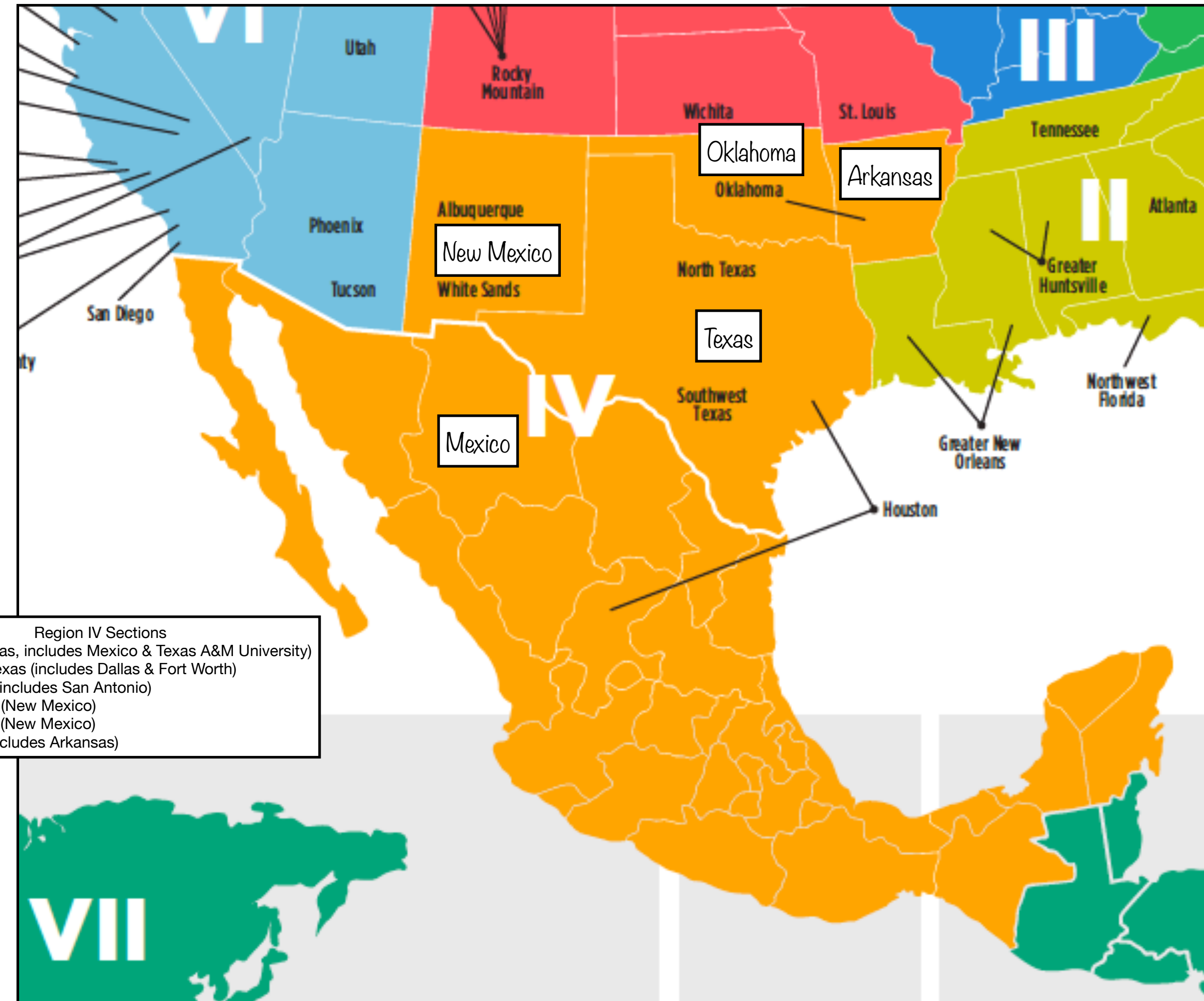
Peruvian Consulate General in Houston, United States

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

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)



Mexico

Mexico News Daily

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<https://mexiconewsdaily.com>



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.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO – KEN SALAZAR

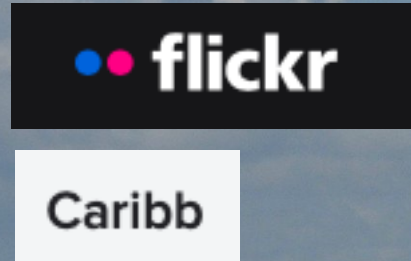


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Flag of the USA

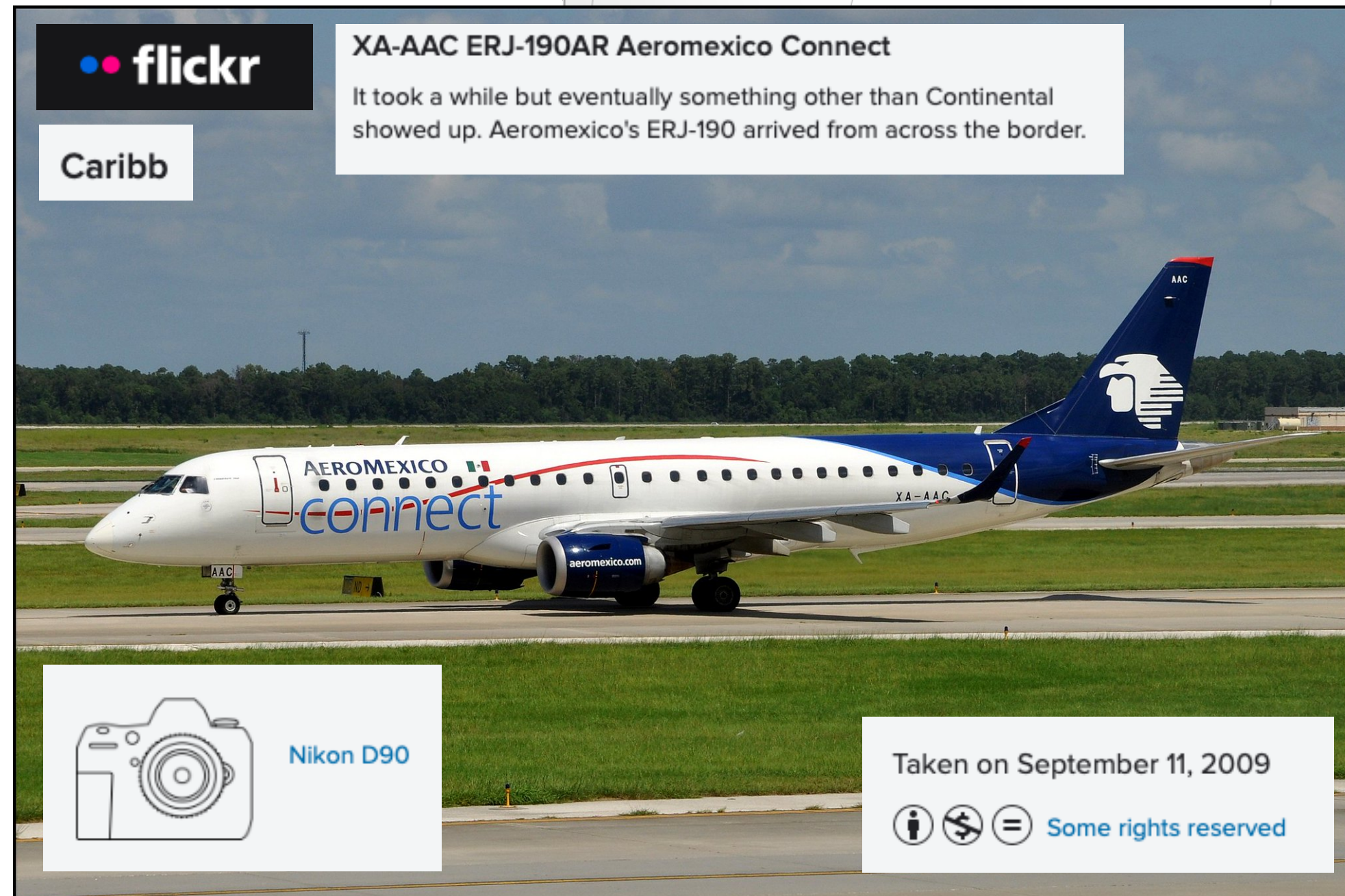


Flag of Texas



XA-AAC ERJ-190AR Aeromexico Connect

It took a while but eventually something other than Continental showed up. Aeromexico's ERJ-190 arrived from across the border.



Nikon D90

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Mexican Consulate General in Houston, United States

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. EMBASSY & CONSULATES IN MEXICO

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A few library books available from the Freeman branch of the Harris County Public Library near NASA/JSC.

