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Diversity

Goals and Objectives

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

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

I am surprised to see that Disney+ (the streaming service) does not include the anti-racism advisory (a text message; see www.disney.com/storiesmatter) at the start of Pocahontas, since Tim Wise, almost certainly in one of his books, tells a good story about how he handled that movie with one of his two daughters. I did not find Song of the South on Disney+, but it merits the advisory. The Lion King does not contain that advisory, nor does Lady and the Tramp; nor Pinocchio. Wikipedia provides a list of Disney movies, so I can search Disney+ in a thorough way. From 1988 to 1992, Dave B. was my Space Station Freedom guidance, navigation, and control boss in Huntington Beach, California, and his wife worked hard on something similar to this Disney advisory text. I found another cartoon on Disney+ with this advisory text, Donald Duck, Grand Canyon Scope, 1954, six minutes. I recall seeing that long ago. Tourist Donald keeps taking flash photos, and his burro becomes blinded just before leading him around hairpin turns.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar wrote in his autobiography that he was strongly influenced by The Autobiography of Malcolm X. I am enjoying that ebook about Malcolm X, a public library loan. I did not enjoy Notes from a Native Son, by James Baldwin, though I like his book The Fire Next Time, but I very much like this book about Malcolm X.

As I wrote in the prior issue, Houston now tolerates a billboard saying Stop Drugs Houston dot com, though Michelle Alexander (in her book The New Jim Crow) and others have explained that the War on Drugs is our newest iteration of our racial caste system. That website merits further investigation.

Experts tell us in books and elsewhere that racism is systemic, a structure, not an event. It is one way, too. Prejudice and discrimination act in all directions, so “reverse” cannot describe them. For a different reason, “reverse” cannot describe racism, since racism is one way. It flows from one race to another. It has never flowed from Black to white (Feagin and his co-authors, White Racism, The Basics, among other expert sources). It is not rare to find prejudice and discrimination against white people, but Blacks have never been guilty of racism (which is systemic), as noted by, among many others, Joe Feagin of Texas A&M University and his co-authors in the book, White Racism, The Basics. In the second edition, they explain that their publisher of first choice turned them down, complaining that the book does not discuss Black racism, a clear demonstration that they did not understand the contents of the book.

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In the documentary movie (which I enjoyed recently on Prime Video) The Unfortunate Truth, by Loki Mulholland, he explains that if we stopped all troublesome prejudice and discrimination today, we would still need several hundred years to eliminate racism. He cites the G.L. Bill and explains that hundreds more such policies exist, each with effects that last for generations.

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Pakistan appeals for ‘immense’ international response to floods

Unprecedented flooding in the country during monsoon season has left at least 1,265 people dead.

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“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”

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Climate

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Flood in Pakistan 2022

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GLOBAL TEMPERATURE

\[ \uparrow 1.01 \text{ °C since 1880} \]

0.85 – (-0.16) 1/20/2022

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

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Downloaded Tuesday, September 6, 2022
AIAA Houston Section Weekly Status from Douglas Yazell: Diversity, Climate, History and Three Sister Sections: France, Ethiopia and Peru, Saturday, 9/3/2022

AIAA Houston Section sister sections

France-USA: www.3af-mp.fr
France: Francis Guimera, preceded by Alain Chevalier
Houston: Douglas Yazell

Ethiopia-USA:
Ethiopia: Tulu Besha Bedada, PhD and Berhan Gessesse, PhD
Houston: Thomas Haregot

Peru-USA:
Houston: Jackelynne Silva-Martinez
Peru: Julio Valdivia, Saul Perez

AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC)
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Europe
Tariff shields and turning off lights: how Europe is tackling the energy crisis

The scale of the crisis in several European countries, and what governments are doing about it

Jon Henley, Philip Oltermann, Sam Jones and Lorenzo Tondo
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ETRSS-1 Completes its Two-Year Design Lifespan and Will Operate for Longer

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

https://www.ethiosss.org

UNICEF Ethiopia

Taken on August 17, 2022


James Elder, UNICEF Spokesperson visits Afar region in Ethiopia and sees Education, Water and nutrition responses by UNICEF.
Peru's safe haven for threatened species - in pictures

Endemic frogs of captivating beauty, mammals and wild birds are among the species to be found in Peru's Cordillera Escalera conservation area, a protected highly biodiverse area between the Andes and the jungle in the east of the country.

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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)
VivaAerobus to install operating base in Mérida; announces 3 new routes

Citing the city’s “great potential” in the tourism and industrial sector, the Mexican airline will open a sixth base and add flights in 2022.

September 5

Mexico News Daily
My ongoing list (started in August of 2022) of Disney films using about 15 seconds to show advisory text about racism, bad discrimination, etc., on Disney+, as noted on the web page [www.disney.com/storiesmatter](http://www.disney.com/storiesmatter). That web page shows the advisory text. AIAA gives a high priority to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and AIAA celebrates Black History Month and four other similar heritage months. Since June 2, 2020, AIAA is making the ultimate pivot regarding diversity, especially as it regards Black America and representation. Also, as noted here earlier, AIAA Houston Section enjoys special relations with Mexico and Peru, and early in 1941, in order to counter German (Nazi) influence, Walt Disney led about twenty of his employees to South America (including Peru) on a diplomatic mission officially representing the USA. The results included two feature films, Saludos Amigos (1942, introducing José Carioca from Brazil, an animated character) and The Three Caballeros (1944, introducing Panchito Pistoles from Mexico, an animated character). Those two movies now feature this anti-racist advisory text on Disney+.

1. Donald Duck in Beach Picnic (1939) [8 minutes]
2. Dumbo (1941)
3. Saludos Amigos (1942)
4. The Three Caballeros (1944)
5. Peter Pan (1953)
6. Donald Duck in Grand CanyonScope (1954) [6 minutes and 50 seconds]
7. Swiss Family Robinson (1960)
8. The Jungle Book (1967)

Movies listed below are not on the list of Disney movies containing this advisory text on Disney+.

1) Pinocchio (1940)
2) Mars and Beyond (1957) [52 minutes] An animated documentary movie, though I saw a preview with live actors (scientists, engineers, etc.)