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**CORRECTION:** This release contains a corrected Headline. The paragraph in bold on page 2 also contains a correction.

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**DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HEADLINES  
INTERNATIONAL WEEK**

**MISSOULA--**

A high-ranking United States government official will lecture at The University of Montana-Missoula during the campus celebration of International Week, April 6-11.

Ambassador Mark Johnson, deputy inspector general with the U.S. Department of State, will speak on "Promoting America's Interests and Ideals Through Diplomacy" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Gallagher Building Room L14.

Johnson, who is both a native and resident of Montana, is a senior diplomat who has earned a reputation as a successful negotiator and innovative leader in policy development. His negotiation experience includes working for the safe release of American hostages in Iran.

Johnson's lecture is part of the vice president's "Conversations with America" program, which provides opportunities for government officials to discuss foreign affairs with the American public.

A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Johnson began his diplomatic career in Kuwait as a commercial officer. He returned to Kuwait in 1991 as deputy chief of mission to assist in the reopening of the American Embassy following Desert Storm. Johnson then served as deputy

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chief of mission at the American Embassy in Cairo from 1989 to 1990 before filling the U.S. ambassador to Senegal position from 1993 to 1996.

His 28-year career with the Senior Foreign Service also includes positions in Africa, Indonesia, Iran and Burkina Faso.

**Johnson received a bachelor's degree in international relations from Georgetown University and a master's degree in international economics from George Washington University.**

Other International Week events are:

Tuesday, April 7 -- The public is invited to discuss career opportunities with Judy Chronister of the Department of State's Bureau of Public Affairs from noon to 2 p.m. in the University Center Atrium.

Wednesday, April 8 -- Professor Shiro Ikeda of Japan's Kumamoto University will lecture on "America: A Brave New World" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room. The lecture is part of the Visiting Scholar Seminar Series.

Thursday, April 9 -- UM accounting and finance Professor Roy Regel will speak on "Observations on the Russian Transition to a Free Market Economy" from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room. The lecture is part of the Faculty Abroad Lecture Series.

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