**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

**THE DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER OF PHI BETA DELTA ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:**


Monday, November 19, 2018
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Heritage Room
Holmes Student Center

**NIU ALUMNA**
Mrs. Bergen Bassett
Consular Officer
U.S. Embassy Philippines

Bergen Bassett (Henrikson) is a Consular officer with the U.S. Department of State. In November 2018, she will be transitioning between her first assignment in Manila, Philippines and her second in Mexico City. She grew up in DeKalb, IL and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1993. She was selected to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Sweden during the 1991 school year, and that experience began her life-long interest in living and working abroad. Bergen attended both Kishwaukee Community College and Northern Illinois University where she joined ROTC and Delta Gamma Sorority. She then transferred to the College of William and Mary in Virginia and graduated with a BA in Government in 2000. Bergen commissioned in the Army in 2000 and served two tours in Iraq as an Intelligence officer before separating in 2006. Before joining the Foreign Service, Bergen was the final editor for the Joint Chiefs of Staff morning Intelligence Brief at the Pentagon and also spent time working for the Department of Defense as both a government civilian and contractor.

Mrs. Bassett earned an MA in European Union Studies from the University of Illinois in 2012, and most of her pre-State Department international experiences are in Europe. She was an exchange student in Sweden, an Au Pair in both London and Geneva, Switzerland, an intern at the European Parliament in Brussels (through an NIU study-abroad program), and stationed with the Army in Germany. She has also spent time in Kuwait with the Army.

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