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CHARLESTON, IL--Rozanne Ridgway, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, will speak on the 1985 Soviet-American Summit and World Terrorism at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the Eastern Illinois University Buzzard Auditorium.

Her lecture is open to the public and will be followed by a question-answer period.

"Secretary Ridgway is the highest ranking woman foreign policy maker in the United States," said Dr. Lawrence Thorsen, political science department chair.

"She was one of the primary organizers of the recent Geneva Summit and will be in charge of arrangements for the forthcoming Gorbachev visit to the United States."

Her diplomatic record includes posts as U.S. Ambassador to Finland and to the German Democratic Republic, and two terms as Assistant Secretary of State responsible for functional areas.

Other assignments in her early foreign service career were as a personnel officer in the U.S. Embassy in Manila, visa officer for the U.S. Consulate General in Italy and political officer in the U.S. Embassy in Oslo.

She is from St. Paul, Minnesota and earned a bachelor's degree and LL.D. from Hamline University (St. Paul).

While on campus she will also attend an international reception at the Wesley Foundation sponsored by International Student Services, Association of International Students and Rotary International, and later that evening be initiated as a honorary member in the Political Science Honor Society.