

Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership: Former diplomat Gary Locke to address U.S. foreign policy at UW-La Crosse

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MADISON—The [Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership](#) and [UW-La Crosse Political Science and Public Administration Department](#) are pleased to announce that Ambassador Gary Locke will speak at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Thursday, March 10, 2022. The address will take place at 12pm at the UW-La Crosse Graff Main Hall in Hesprich Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Gary Locke, a former diplomat, cabinet member, and governor, will explore what is happening in U.S. foreign policy, including U.S.-China and U.S.-Russia relations. Locke was the first Chinese-American to be elected governor in U.S. history. He served as Governor of Washington State from 1997 to 2005, U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China from 2011 to 2014, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce from 2009 to 2011.

Advance registration is not required for attendees. Event parking will be free of charge on levels 1-3 of the Farwell and 17th St parking ramp. Additional handicap spaces will be available in the C-12 lot and on East Avenue by the Cartwright Center circle. The event will be available for simultaneous livestream viewing between 12pm and 1:30pm Central Time, but will not be available for later viewing. For more details about the event, please visit thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/locke.

Media contact for the event is Regina Goodnow, UWL Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Credentialed media are



welcome to attend the presentation and take photos. Videographers can only record up to three minutes of the presentation.