

# Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership: Announces an evening with Sarah Smarsh

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MADISON— The Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership is pleased to announce its sponsorship of An Evening with Sarah Smarsh on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7 p.m. for a virtual event. Pre-registration is required.

UW Oshkosh's Director of the Center for Customized Research and Services, Jeff Sachse will have a conversation with journalist Sarah Smarsh about the importance of rural entrepreneurship in Wisconsin. She will share her experiences and observations with a diverse audience of business owners, elected officials, and economic development professionals.

Smarsh has covered socioeconomic class, politics and public policy for The New York Times, The Atlantic, National Geographic, The New Yorker, Harper's and many other publications. Her first book, Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth (Scribner, 2018), was an instant New York Times bestseller, a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the Chicago Tribune Literary Award. Smarsh's second book, She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs (Scribner, 2020), was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

A former writing professor, Smarsh has served as a Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Pritzker Fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. She is a frequent speaker and commentator on economic inequality. She lives in Kansas.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required for this virtual.



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