

# Payne Institute Fall Seminar Series

## Dr. Will Toor, Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office



### Transport Policy

12:45-2:00pm | November 14, 2019

Alderson Hall, 230

Will Toor currently serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office. He is the former director of the transportation program at the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET).

Prior to working at SWEET, Will was elected to the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County, Colorado in 2004, and was re-elected in 2008. Will spearheaded the effort to create and adopt a countywide Sustainable Energy Plan, the BuildSmart green building code, the EnergySmart program, and the ClimateSmart Loan Program. Prior to being elected County Commissioner, Will served as Mayor of Boulder, Colorado from 1998-2004. He played a strong role in the development of the Boulder's community transit network, EcoPass unlimited access transit pass programs, and policies for denser, mixed-use urban infill development as an alternative to sprawl.

Will has received a number of awards including the United States Conference of Mayors Outstanding Achievement Award for City Livability in 2002, the DRCOG Distinguished Regional Leadership Award in 2005, and the National Association of Counties Best in Category award to Boulder County for the Climate Smart Loan Program in 2010.

He received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Chicago in 1992, where he studied theoretical condensed matter physics, completing a dissertation on phase transitions in electrorheological fluids.

