



WESTON ROUNDTABLE SERIES



Monday, February 13, 2017

1163 Mechanical Engineering

1513 University Avenue

4:30 - 5:30PM

coffee, tea and cookies at 4:00 PM

***On the Path to Sunshot and Beyond:
Recent Progress and Long-Term Targets
for Solar Technology***

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) launched the SunShot Initiative in 2011 with the goal of making solar electricity cost-competitive by 2020. DOE has defined new goals that aim to realize even more aggressive reductions by 2030. Achieving these goals could propel solar energy technologies into a significant role in U.S. and global energy systems. Our speaker will provide an overview of progress to date; discuss emerging challenges that motivate even more aggressive cost reduction targets for 2030, and present detailed analysis of the potential for combining low-cost solar with a range of flexible options to enable very high levels of solar penetration.



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