General information

This workshop brings together researchers interested in household financial decision-making. Theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. We expect researchers from a variety of disciplines will find this workshop of interest, including economics, finance, risk management, insurance, and psychology. This workshop is held jointly by the Retirement and Savings Institute (RSI, http://rsi.hec.ca/) at HEC Montréal and the Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR, http://cear.gsu.edu/) at Georgia State University. This is the 1st workshop in this series. Subjects of particular interest include:

- Consumption-saving decisions
- Financial delinquency and bankruptcy
- Financial literacy
- Financial planning and advice
- Household insurance and risk management
- Labor markets
- Mortgage markets
- Pensions and retirement

We typically allocate one hour for each paper (40 minute presentation, 10 minutes for an assigned discussant, and a 10 minute general discussion) to provide participants with the opportunity for an in-depth presentation of their work. All sessions will be plenary.

The keynote address will be given by Professor John Y. Campbell from the Department of Economics, Harvard University. From his website https://scholar.harvard.edu/campbell/home: Campbell is the Morton L. and Carole S. Olshan Professor of Economics at Harvard University, where he has taught since 1994. He has published almost 100 articles on various aspects of finance and macroeconomics, including fixed-income securities, equity valuation, portfolio choice, and household finance. Campbell delivered the Ely Lecture to the American Economic Association in 2016 and served as President of the American Finance Association in 2005. He is a Research Associate and former Director of the Program in Asset Pricing at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Fellow of the Econometric Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy and Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and holds honorary doctorates from the University of Maastricht, the University of Paris Dauphine, and Copenhagen Business School. Campbell is also a founding partner of Arrowstreet Capital, LP, a Boston-based quantitative asset management firm.

Funding

We expect to cover Economy airfares and hotel for speakers, but may need to cap funding at a certain amount depending on costs.
Organizer

Philippe d’Astous (HEC Montréal) is the primary local organizer of this workshop. Should you have questions, please contact Philippe at philippe.dastous@hec.ca about the substance of the workshop, and contact Lee Boyle at lee.boyle@hec.ca with questions about participation and logistics.

Submission of Papers

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit either the full paper (preferred), or an extended abstract that addresses objectives, methods, results and conclusions. Submissions should be made by April 15th, 2018 at cear.gsu.edu/event-archives/2018-cear-rsi-household-finance-workshop/. All submissions should be PDF. Authors will be notified of acceptance of their paper by May 1st, 2018 at the latest.

Date and Location

The workshop will be held November 16 and 17, 2018 at Hotel le Saint-Sulpice, which is located in Old Montreal. The address is 414 Rue Saint-Sulpice, Montréal, QC H2Y 2V5, Canada.