General Information

This workshop is related to the GSU 2CI research effort *Portfolios of the Atlanta Poor*, an upcoming diary study of financial and non-financial decisions of low-income households in the Atlanta Metro area. As the GSU study team commences the study we seek to understand the work that has been conducted around this topic and to glean best current practices. This workshop will focus on diary methods, household finance modeled using corporate accounting techniques, and other field studies measuring household decision making.

Organizers

Elisabet Rutstrom (Georgia State University and CEAR Fellow) is the organizer of this workshop. Funding is being provided by the Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) at Georgia State University. See [cear.gsu.edu](http://cear.gsu.edu) for more information on CEAR. Should you have questions, please contact Dr. Rutstrom at [erutstrom@gsu.edu](mailto:erutstrom@gsu.edu) about the substance of the workshop, and contact Mark Schneider at [cear@gsu.edu](mailto:cear@gsu.edu) with questions about participation and logistics.

Dates & Times

Friday 5/17 – 9:00am to 5:00pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided by CEAR. Saturday 5/18 – 9:00am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided by CEAR.

Contact Mark Schneider at [cear@gsu.edu](mailto:cear@gsu.edu) for special dietary needs.

Location

The CEAR Seminar Room is on the 11th floor of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. Here is a map link to [CEAR](http://cear.gsu.edu); the physical address is 35 Broad Street, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Directions

**MARTA Subway:**

CEAR is located 1 block North of the Five Points Marta Rail Station in Downtown Atlanta; one-way Rail Ride cost $2.50. Tickets can be easily purchased from vending machines at all MARTA stations. This is by far the easiest method, and is on a direct line to Atlanta International Airport. Here is a map of the [MARTA rail system](http://www.martasr.com).

**Driving:**

From Interstate 75/85 (the connector) going NORTH take exit 248B for Edgewood Ave toward Auburn Ave / J W Dobbs Ave. Turn left at Edgewood Ave SE and proceed 0.7 miles. Turn right at Marietta St. NW. The next intersection is Broad St. and where our facility is located. There is no street parking available nearby; however, there are pay lots and garages nearby. Costs range from $5 to $10 depending on the lot/garage used.
From Interstate 75/85 (the connector) **going SOUTH** take exit 248D for J W Dobbs Ave toward Jesse Hill Dr. Slight left at Jesse Hill Jr. Dr. NE. Turn right at Edgewood Ave SE and proceed 0.6 miles. Turn right at Marietta St. NW. The next intersection is Broad St. and where our facility is located. There is no street parking available nearby; however, there are pay lots and garages nearby. Costs range from $5 to $10 depending on the lot/garage used.

**Lodging**

CEAR recommends lodging at The Ellis Hotel, which is walking distance to CEAR. Their information: 176 Peachtree Street Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30303. (404) 523-5155 ellishotel.com.

**Confirmed Participants**

- Wendy Janssen
- Charlene Kalenkoski
- Berber Kramer
- Jonathan Morduch
- David Ribar
- Elisabet Rutstrom
- Krislert Samphantharak

**Program**

**Friday, May 17**

9 am  Continental Breakfast and Coffee
9 – 9:15 am  Welcome and Introductions
11:15 – 11:30 am  Coffee
11:30 – 12:30 pm  Jonathan Morduch – Financial diaries in the US
12:30 – 1:30 pm  Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 pm  David Ribar – Immigrants’ Time Use
3:30 – 3:45 pm  Coffee
3:45 – 4:45 pm  Krislert Samphantharak - Household Survey and Household Financial Accounting
4:45 pm – 5pm  Elisabet Rutstrom: Introduction to Portfolios of the Poor in Atlanta

**Saturday, May 18**

9:00 – 2 pm  Round table discussion - Diary methodologies: lessons and opportunities

*Slight break at 12pm to gather lunch and return to round table.*