

# Prix CRM-SSC 2008 Prize

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**15 h 30 / 3:30 p.m.**

**Salle / Room 1360**

Centre de recherches mathématiques  
Université de Montréal  
Pavillon André-Aisenstadt  
2920, chemin de la Tour

Un café sera servi à 15h00 et une réception  
suivra la conférence.

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*Parameters in statistical models sometimes have complex interpretations, particularly when the effect of a given predictor variable varies in some manner, say with the values of other predictors, or with time in a survival analysis context. One way to summarize the varying effect of a predictor is with some form of average. Following others, such a summary is termed an average predictive comparison (APC). This talk examines the extent to which fitting a more complex model and inferring APCs agrees with fitting a simple model having non-varying predictor effects. Examples to be discussed include regression models with pairwise interaction terms, regression models with non-standard interaction structure, and survival analysis models incorporating uncertainty about the scale on which covariate effects are additive. Some connections with causal inference will also be touched on briefly.*

A coffee will be served at 3:00 and a reception will follow after the lecture.

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