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## **Stanford biz professor to host online course on retirement and pensions**

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Stanford Graduate School of Business will launch its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in October, *The Finance of Retirement and Pensions*, led by finance professor and pension expert Joshua Rauh.

The eight-week course, which starts October 14, 2013, will help participants make better decisions about their own retirement portfolios and about related government programs and policies. To register for the course, go to: <http://online.stanford.edu/course/rauh-finance>.

“Our goal is to help people make better decisions about their own retirement portfolio and investments, and to shed light on U.S. policies that have important implications for retirees and taxpayers,” Rauh said in a release.

The course is aimed at anyone planning for his or her own retirement, for finance professionals in the retirement fund space, and taxpayers who want to learn more about the sustainability of government-funded retirement programs like Social Security.

The class is comprised of two 45-minute online teaching modules each week. Each module is divided into 5- to 7-minute segments that can be viewed at any time.

The course will include assignments, quizzes, a team project, interactive webinars, forums led by Stanford GSB alumni, and weekly updates from Rauh. Participants can expect to spend at least four hours a week on all of the course elements.

### **A symposium on public pensions in January 2014**

*The Finance of Retirement and Pensions* will conclude with an interactive symposium about the challenges of U.S. pension systems. Called “Innovative Ideas for the Future of U.S. Public Sector Pensions,” the symposium will be held in January 2014 at the Stanford Graduate School of Business in Palo Alto, Calif.

The event will feature representatives of the MOOC teams with the five most promising ideas for pension reform. They will present their proposals to a panel of faculty and experts in finance and public policy. Expenses will be covered by Stanford GSB in collaboration with the Hoover Institution.

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