



July 2019 Newsletter

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Don Boyd

Don is Co-Director of the State and Local Government Finance Project at Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany, and a consultant, Open Source Policy Center.

- Developed draft disclosure review plan for discussion with the IRS - an important next step in releasing synthetic data for use with [Tax-Calculator](#).
 - Developed fundraising proposal for students and professors to use synthetic data with Tax-Calculator.
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Jason DeBacker

Jason is an Assistant Professor of economics at the University of South Carolina and a core maintainer of the open source models [Cost-of-Capital-Calculator](#) and [OG-USA](#), which model business taxes and macroeconomic effects of tax policy, respectively.

- Was granted tenure promoted to Associate Professor by the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina, beginning August 2019.
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Richard Evans

Richard is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Chicago, Director, of the Open Source Economics Laboratory, a Fellow with the Becker Friedman Institute, and President of OpenRG. He is also a core maintainer of [OG-USA](#), a macroeconomic model for fiscal policy analysis in the U.S.

- Began is 3rd annual summer Boot Camp for the [OSE Lab](#) at the University of Chicago. This year, the Boot Camp is being held in partnership with the [Econometrics Society's](#) Dynamic Structural Econometrics Workshop.
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Anderson Frailey

Anderson is a Research Associate with the Open Source Policy Center at the American Enterprise Institute and a core maintainer of the open source [TaxData](#) project, which cleans and prepares tax data for use in microsimulation tax models.

- Released version 2.3.0 of the TaxBrain python package
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Weifeng Zhong

Weifeng is a Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Weifeng is a core maintainer of the open-source [PCI models](#).

- Published a blog post, “How China’s State-Run Media Foretold the Trade War Stand-off,” on [The Bridge](#).
- Briefed U.S. Congressional staffers on the US-China trade fight and the PCI project.
- Presented the PCI project at the International Conference on Economic Modeling and Data Science in Portugal.