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November 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.

- Presented work on synthetic data for tax policy analysis at the PSL Meetup at AEI on November 26.
- Presented comments on new state-level public pension data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis's Advisory Committee on November 15.
- Both sets of slides can be found here.

Jason DeBacker
Jason is an Associate 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.

- Presented and discussed research at the 112th Annual National Tax Association Meetings in Tampa Florida, November 21-23.

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.

- Gave three-day (18-hour) seminar at New York University's Stern School of Business, September 20-22, 2019, to advanced economics predoctoral researchers from elite laboratories. Module topic was "[Advanced Git and GitHub Research Collaboration]()". Link to GitHub repository has topics, references, tutorials, notebooks, and problem sets. Program was sponsored by Schmidt Futures and NYU Stern.
- Gave one-day workshop, "Building a Student Mentored Research Program around Open Source Resources," at Southern Utah University, November 22, 2019, Cedar City, Utah.

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-China]() and [PCI-Crackdown]() models.

- Continue to brief US lawmakers and policymakers on the PCI projects.
- PCI-China has met the [Policy Simulation Library]() (PSL)'s criteria for transparency and quality and has been admitted to the PSL Catalog.
- Updated the PCI-China with the [2019 Q3 data]().
- Continue to provide [daily updates]() on the PCI-Crackdown and shed light on the ongoing Hong Kong protests.
- Discussed the PCI-Crackdown at a PSL DC meetup hosted at the American Enterprise Institute.