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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.

- Prepared draft report for a private foundation on grants by the city and county of San Francisco to nonprofit organizations.
- Updated a report on state tax revenue volatility for the Pew Charitable Trusts.
- Reviewed a public finance paper for *Urban Affairs Review*.

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, Tax-Calculator, *and* OG–USA, *which model business taxes and macroeconomic effects of tax policy, respectively.*

- Named a Moore Research Fellow, awarded to top researchers in the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina
- Presented on using Cost-of-Capital-Calculator for analyzing international tax competitiveness in the PSL Demo Day series
- Paper on income dynamics among pass-through business owners in *AEJ: Macro* made available online
- Organized and hosted the I-85 Macro Workshop at the University of South Carolina

Max Ghenis
Max is President of the UBI Center, co-founder of PolicyEngine, and a core maintainer of the open source [microdf](#) project.

- [Released a report](#) comparing the poverty and inequality impacts of a proposed per-vehicle payment in California against a budget-neutral per-person payment.
- [Released a report](#) estimating the poverty and inequality impacts of a UK carbon fee-and-dividend policy.

Jonathan Pycroft
Jon is an economic modeler and public finance economist based in Seville, Spain. He has experience building and working with computable general equilibrium models, overlapping generations models, and microsimulation models of tax and pension policies in Europe and Africa.

- Prepared an updated data and calibration for the EU's corporate tax macroeconomic model.
- Produced new simulations for possible EU-wide corporate tax policy reforms.

Richard W. Evans
Richard is Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University, Director of the Open Source Economics Laboratory, and President of OpenRG. He is also a core maintainer of [OG-USA](#), a macroeconomic model for fiscal policy analysis in the U.S.

- Richard started a new position as Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Growth and Opportunity (CGO) at Utah State University.
- The Center for Growth and Opportunity has funded a two-year project, including OpenRG expert, Max Ghenis, to create the data and tax logic for an open-source 50-state microsimulation model of U.S. state tax and benefit policy.