



## April 2024 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.*

- Delivered an enhanced microdata file for input to [Tax-Calculator](#), and other policy analysis tools, under a project led by the PSL Foundation.

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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.*

- Presented at paper on corporate tax avoidance at the TAXLOOP conference in Bergen, Norway
- Presented recent research at the Biden School at the University of Delaware
- New releases of OG-USA and OG-Core
- Developed a corporate income tax incidence model for Tax-Brain
- Improved the methodology for handling intangible assets in Cost-of-Capital-Calculator

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Max Ghenis

*Max is co-founder of PolicyEngine and a core maintainer of their open source projects, including the [policyengine-us](#) tax-benefit microsimulation model.*

- [Launched state income tax modeling nationwide](#) with PolicyEngine-US
- Submitted a grant proposal to develop detailed, enhanced microdata for tax and benefit simulations across detailed subpopulations of the U.S.

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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.*

- Presented the paper “Economic Effects of Simplified Procedures for Claiming Cross-Border Tax Reliefs” at the TAXLOOP conference in Bergen, Norway.
- Submitted the paper “Gender and the labour market: Implications for pension sustainability across the EU” to the journal Economic Modelling.