



August 2022 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.

Boyd continued work on several projects related to state and local finances in August:

- Analysis of housing insecurity in New York
 - Analysis of budgetary spending by the city of San Francisco related to homelessness, for a California foundation
 - Examination of revenue options for a large public authority
 - Research into emerging risks for state government budgets, for a large operating foundation
 - Organizing a project in which economists and analysts will monitor data on migration into and out of New York State and the New York metro area, in the post-Covid era
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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 on current inflation rates to the Gamecock Economic Society
- Had an article, "The Cost of Capital in Times of High Inflation" accepted at *Tax Notes*
- Added the ability to model investment tax credits to OG-Core
- Analyzed a financial transactions tax and gross receipts tax for a contribution as a chapter in a forthcoming book

Max Ghenis

Max is the co-founder of PolicyEngine and President of the UBI Center.

- Published [report](#) on cliffs in the Inflation Reduction Act electric vehicle tax credits at the UBI Center.
- Published [report](#) on the effect of Maryland's tax code on marginal tax rates for low-income families at the UBI Center.
- Published [blog post](#) announcing PolicyEngine's launch in Washington state.
- Co-authored [blog post](#) on analyzing Prime Minister candidate Liz Truss's proposed reform to the UK Marriage Allowance in PolicyEngine.

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.

- Continued work on the macroeconomic simulations for the European Commission's "Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation" (or BEFIT) proposals.