



December 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.

- Under a project for the American Enterprise Institute, Boyd and colleagues Yimeng Yin and Gang Chen developed a microdata tax file for a single state (New York) that is compatible with TaxData and Tax-Calculator, and developed a “laboratory environment” that is useful for evaluating alternative methods of creating microdata files for a single state or for 50 states.
 - Spoke before staff of the Connecticut state legislature on potential impacts of changing demographics on state tax structures.
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Richard Evans

Richard is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Chicago, 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.

- Rick presented his work “[Public Debt, Interest Rates, and Negative Shocks](#)” at the American Economic Association 2020 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 4, 2020, San Diego, California, in the session entitled, “[Is United States Deficit Policy Playing with Fire?](#)”.
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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-China](#) and [PCI-Crackdown](#) models.

- Presented the PCI projects at the [States & Nation Policy Summit](#) of the American Legislative Exchange Council in Scottsdale, AZ.
- Continue to brief US lawmakers and policymakers on the PCI projects.
- Continue to provide [updates](#) on the PCI-Crackdown and shed light on the ongoing Hong Kong protests.