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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.

- Completed draft report on state government tax revenue volatility.
- Helped develop an R01 grant proposal to the NIH to study the effects of the advance Child Tax Credit on vaccination uptake.

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.

- Submitted an R01 grant proposal to the NIH to study the effects of fiscal policy on public health
- Presented at the [10th Annual BITSS Meeting](#)
- Work on Tax-Calculator inflation indexing of parameters

Max Ghenis

Max is President of the UBI Center, co-founder of PolicyEngine, and a core maintainer of the open source `microdf` *project.*

- [Presented PolicyEngine UK](#) at the [Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences](#) [Annual Meeting](#).
- [Collaborated](#) with the UK Social Market Foundation on an analysis of the Government's response to rising energy prices and alternative household rebates.

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.

- Began a study simulating changes in the regulations for international investment within the EU.
- Continue with the update of the model code for the CPB/European Commission corporate tax macroeconomic model, Cortax.