



## February 2023 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.*

- Continued work on multiple projects including: organizing a working group to analyze migration into and out of New York; analysis of emerging risks for state budgets; analysis of pension plan model risk; analysis of revenue options for a large public authority; and analysis of housing insecurity in New York.
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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 the [OG-ZAF model](#) in the United Nations DESA Economic Policy Seminar with Richard Evans
- Resubmitted a manuscript to *National Tax Journal*
- Submitted a paper to the ZEW Mannheim Public Economics Conference

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Richard W. Evans

*Richard is Senior Research Fellow and Director of Open Policy 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 US.*

- Presented on the [OG-ZAF model](#) in the United Nations DESA Economic Policy Seminar with Jason DeBacker
- Participated in Tax Policy Center's Validation Server and Synthetic Data Project winter advisory board meeting as advisory board member

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Max Ghenis

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

- Published PolicyEngine blog posts on computing the impacts of [the existing Child Tax Credit](#), [restoring the ARPA Child Tax Credit](#), and the impact of [customizable reforms on cliffs](#).

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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.*

- Produced further simulations for the Business In Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT), which aims to simplify corporate taxes across the European Union.
- Started work on a pension taxation article, which seeks to compare four EU countries' pension systems.