



## February 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.*

- Working as part of a team to developing enhanced microdata for input to [Tax-Calculator](#), and other policy analysis tools, under a project led by the PSL Foundation.
  - Consulting for a large public transportation authority on tax revenue issues and options.
  - Analysis of pension funding model risk under a project for the Society of Actuaries.
  - Development of web-based pension policy analysis model with colleague Gang Chen at the University at Albany, under a project led by the Reason 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.*

- Research on labor supply responses and the elasticity of taxable income for PolicyEngine behavioral responses enhancement
- Updated Tax-Brain, Tax-Cruncher, OG-USA, and Cost-of-Capital web applications
- Completed the program for the [2024 NTA Spring Symposium](#)
- Released Tax-Calculator version 3.5.1

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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.*

- Prepare presentation on the implications of gender and the labour market for pension sustainability to be presented at the [6th JRC Fiscal Policy Workshop](#).
- Start new project on the impact of inflation on the corporate tax base.