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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.

- 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.

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.*

- Received a request for revisions on paper, "Playing Games with GPT" from *Economics Bulletin*
- Named program co-chair for the 2024 NTA Spring Symposium
- Invited to present work on corporate tax avoidance in a workshop on business taxation in Bergen, Norway
- Began work on a consulting project to simulate the economic impacts of investing in anti-aging treatments

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.

- Published a working paper on the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on the EU.
- Published a working paper on the impact of simplifying cross-border withholding tax relief across the EU.
- Continued work on overlapping generations model disaggregated by gender, to be presented at the EC's Fiscal Policy Modelling Workshop in March.
- Invited to Nordic Tax Journal workshop.