July 2021 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.

- Boyd presented at a *Policy Simulation Library Demo Day* on Constructing Tax Data for the 50 States.
- Boyd and Rockefeller College colleagues Gang Chen and Yimeng Yin began a project to develop stochastic simulation models of pension plans for the San Francisco Unified School District and for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system.
- Boyd, Chen, and Yin prepared a draft research paper on public pension risk-sharing policies for submission to academic journals.

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.

- Published a blog post, a policy brief, and three working papers with Rick Evans and colleagues at TPC (link).
- Released Tax-Calculator 3.2.0 on conda-forge
- Work on transition to OG-Core
- Contributed to the Tax Foundation capital-cost-recovery model

Richard Evans
Richard is Advisory Board Visiting Fellow at the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice 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 U.S.

- Published a blog post, a policy brief, and three working papers with Jason DeBacker and colleagues at TPC ([link]).
- Work on [transition to OG-Core]

Anderson Frailey
Anderson is an economics PhD student at the University of Virginia and a core maintainer of the open source [TaxData], [Tax-Calculator], and [Tax-Brain] projects.

- Release TaxData version 0.3.2

Max Ghenis
Max is President of the UBI Center and a core maintainer of the open source `microdf` project.

- Presented [research] on funding universal basic income with a land value tax in the UK to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Land Value Capture.
- Presented the UBI Center's US research at [Boston Basic Income].
- Launched the UBI Center's [Basic Income Builder].
- Published a [paper] on the new Child Tax Credit.

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.

- Presented to the Fiscal Policy Analysis Unit Open Seminar Series with Magdalena Zachłod-Jelec on the "Distributional and macroeconomic impact of two PIT reforms in Italy"
- With colleagues from Milan and Trento, designed suggestions for expanding and improving the use of distributional impact assessment in EU Member States.
- Presented to the International Conference on Economic Modeling and Data Science (EcoMod2021) on "OG-MOD: A general equilibrium platform for modelling country fiscal policy"