



June 2021 Newsletter

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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.

- Served as an outside expert reviewing the Congressional Budget Office's capital taxation modeling methodology.
 - Worked on developing OG-Core, a general framework for overlapping generations modeling.
 - Updated the Tax-Calculator current law baseline policy.
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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.

- Released TaxData version 0.3.0 and 0.3.1
- Presented the TaxBrain Python API at the PSL Demo Day

Max Ghenis

Max is President of the UBI Center and a core maintainer of the open source [microdf](#) project.

- [Presented](#) research on universal basic income and child allowances in California at the North America Basic Income Guarantee Congress.
- [Analyzed](#) Andrew Yang's "Basic Income for NYC" plan, and published an [op-ed](#) in the New York Daily News on it.
- [Simulated](#) adjustments to UBI policies described in UK Liberal Democrats discussion paper.

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.

- Delivered a study on distributional impact assessment practices with suggestions for European Member States and the European Commission as part of a DG-EMPL project. The study was produced with the University of Milan, FBK-IRVAPP and others from the Euromod Network.
- Introduced a switch to allow for social insurance contributions to be included in labour income for the income tax function or to be estimated separately in the EDGE-M3(DE) overlapping generations model for Germany.