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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.

- Finalized paper on state tax revenue volatility, for the Pew Charitable Trusts
- Began a new project to examine emerging trends that will affect state budgets
- Began a new project to examine spending by San Francisco on budgetary costs related to homelessness
- Prepared for a project to monitor migration into and out of New York City and State, in the post-COVID era
- Prepared for a project to examine revenue options for a public authority
- Developed and led a one-day training session for public finance professional staff from the Zimbabwe Parliament
- Ported software for weighting microdata files from Python to Julia

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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.

- Released OG-Core version 0.9.0, which includes multiple production industries
- Completed a proposal for a series of projects with the Census Research Data Center in Atlanta

Max Ghenis
Max is the co-founder of PolicyEngine, President of the UBI Center, and Visiting Scholar at the Center for Growth and Opportunity.

- Published a paper, ["How does targeted cash assistance affect incentives to work?"](#) at the Center for Growth at Opportunity.
- Presented PolicyEngine at Georgetown University's Beeck Center's Rules as Code Demo Day.
- Presented research in four sessions at the Basic Income Guarantee Conference.

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 [Study on distributional impact assessment](#) practices across the EU.
- Presented a paper about the digital services tax in the UK at the XXIII Conference on International Economics organized by the Spanish Association of International Economics and Finance (AEEFI) in Málaga, Spain.