



## March 2022 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.*

- Completed a project with the Pew Charitable Trusts to examine risk-sharing policies in public pension plans.
  - Began a project to examine the distribution and purposes of grants to nonprofit organizations by the City of San Francisco.
  - Prepared a proposal to the Society of Actuaries to examine model risks, and risk management, for stochastic simulation models used for pension funding and investment decision making.
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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 paper](#) on income dynamics among pass-through business owners accepted at *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*
- Organized and hosted a Policy Simulation Library Workshop on tools for modeling tax policy in Washington, DC
- Released [Cost-of-Capital-Calculator 1.2.10](#)
- Released [OG-Core 0.8.0](#)

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Max Ghenis

*Max is President of the UBI Center, co-founder of PolicyEngine, and a core maintainer of the open source [microdf](#) project.*

- [Presented](#) PolicyEngine at the Policy Simulation Library's DC workshop
- Beta-launched [PolicyEngine US](#) to compute the impact of US tax and benefit policy

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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.*

- Worked on setting up rapid downloading and processing of data for the new calibration of the EU's corporate tax macroeconomic model
- Produced simulations of alternative international investment regulations for the EU