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Don is Co-Director of the State and Local Government Finance Project at Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany, and a consultant, Open Source Policy Center.

- Continued work on consulting projects related to transportation authority revenue options; emerging risks for state budgets; and potential problems associated with models used to evaluate risks faced by defined benefit pension plans.

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.

- Submitted a paper on corporate taxpayer responses to notches in enforcement and disclosure to *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

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.

- Participate in the Joint Research Centre's 5th Fiscal Policy Workshop.
- Develop a method to incorporate data on new pensioners in the EU to produce retirement probabilities by age.
- Produce transition matrices between employment, unemployment, inactivity for use in the life cycle model with idiosyncratic risk.