March 2024 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.

- Working as part of a team to develop enhanced microdata for input to *[Tax-Calculator](#)*, and other policy analysis tools, under a project led by the PSL Foundation.
- Consulting for a large public transportation authority on tax revenue issues and options.
- Analysis of pension funding model risk under a project for the Society of Actuaries.
- Development of web-based pension policy analysis model with colleague Gang Chen at the University at Albany, under a project led by the Reason Foundation.

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.

- Paper, "[Playing Games with ChatGPT](#)" (with Phil Brookins) was accepted at *Economics Bulletin*
- Asked be on scientific committee for Shadow 2025 conference in Warsaw, Poland
- Published new releases of Tax-Calculator, CCC, OG-Core, OG-USA
- Began work on Tax-Brain to add a module which distributes the incidence of the corporate income tax across individual taxpayers.

Max Ghenis

Max is co-founder of PolicyEngine and a core maintainer of their open source projects, including the `policyengine-us` tax-benefit microsimulation model.

- [Released PolicyEngine's Enhanced Current Population Survey](#) for more accurate tax-benefit microsimulation. Applied this new dataset to study the [Wyden-Smith Child Tax Credit reform](#) and [President Biden's 2025 Budget](#); the Niskanen Center also used it for a [CTC report](#)
- [Presented PolicyEngine](#) at Georgetown Beeck Center Digital Benefits Network Rules as Code Roundtable.
- Provided PolicyEngine modeling for Representatives McGarvey and Watson Coleman's [Young Adult Tax Credit](#) legislation, cited in congressional press releases.

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.

- Contribute to presentation and accompanying article on gender and pensions across the EU presented at the 6th Fiscal Policy Modelling Workshop of the European Commission.
- Continue investigation into green corporate tax incentives.