



## November 2023 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.*

- Consulted for a large transportation authority to help develop revenue options for its capital plan.
  - Analyzed economic-scenario and pension-model risk under a project for the Society of Actuaries.
  - Organized a working group of economists, analysts, and industry experts to examine and monitor post-pandemic domestic migration in the New York city area, for the New York Citizens Budget Commission.
  - Worked with the Reason Foundation on pension model development.
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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.*

- Presented two papers at the National Tax Association Annual Meetings and one paper at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- Served as a discussant for three papers at the National Tax Association Annual Meetings and two papers at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- Hosted a Policy Simulation Library Workshop at the National Tax Association Annual Meetings
- Coauthored paper on the role of paid preparers in tax noncompliance was accepted at the *National Tax Journal*

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Matthew Jensen

*Matthew is a Principal at the Open Research Group where he focuses on economic policy and information security.*

- Estimated the U.S. federal budgetary impact of six farm-bill proposals for a leading trade association. Developed cost and revenue estimates to serve the congressional budget process.
- Updated his dataset on *U.S. Government Information Leaks*.

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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.*

- Contributed to the paper delivered by Rocío Fernandez-Bastidas at the National Tax Association (NTA) Conference, “Heterogeneous Effects of Pension Reforms in the EU”
- Journal article published online in the Journal of Common Market Studies: “Equal Focus on Inequality? Approaches to Distributional Impact Assessment in the National Budget Process Across the EU” <http://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13557>