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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.

- Received a conditional acceptance on an article studying the role of tax preparers in tax compliance decisions at the *National Tax Journal*.
 - With Richard W. Evans, delivered a [Jupyter Book of training materials](#) of the Economic Analysis and Policy Division at the UN.
 - Contributions to OG-USA, OG-Core, Tax-Calculator
 - Spoke with a research center at Yale about using OG-Core and OG-USA for dynamic scoring.
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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.

- Awarded the Robert Corrin Prize for Outstanding Research from the Savings and Retirement Foundation for research on [Work Incentives Under the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

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.

- Developed work for a project to compare tax and benefit systems across the EU.
- Prepared minimum income guarantee reform simulations using a heterogeneous agent overlapping generations model (results to be presented at the National Tax Association Conference in November).