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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.

Continued work on university and consulting projects:

- Analysis of pension model risk associated with Economic Scenario Generators, for the Society of Actuaries.
- Analysis of revenue needs, options, and forecasting approaches for a major public transportation authority.
- Coordinated work and activities of a working group of experts on domestic migration in the New York City area.
- Continuing work for the Pew Charitable Trusts related to emerging risks for state government budgets.
- Co-PI on a new foundation-funded project to examine impact of legacy costs such as pensions, retiree health care, and debt for rural school districts with declining enrollment.

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.

- Discussed a paper on measuring corporate tax avoidance at the Illinois Tax Research Symposium in Chicago, Illinois.
- Presented research on corporate tax avoidance and discussed a paper on envelope wages at the Shadow Conference in Tallinn, Estonia.
- Resubmitted a paper on the role of professional tax preparers in tax noncompliance to the *National Tax Journal*.
- Helped organize sessions for the National Tax Association Annual Meetings.

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.

- Presented to the Euromod Annual Meeting about tax and benefit function estimation using Euromod for use in macroeconomic models.