



## October 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.*

- With Martin Holmer, developing tax microdata weighted to reflect individual Congressional Districts and states, for input to Tax-Calculator and related policy analysis tools, under a project for the Policy Simulation Library Foundation.
  - Forecasting and analysis of tax issues for a major transportation public authority.
  - Continued work with the Society of Actuaries on how structure and parameterization of economic scenario generators can alter assessment of funding risks for pension plans.
  - Continued a project examining how rural school districts with declining enrollment are affected by legacy costs such as pension funding and debt service.
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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 two awards from the *National Tax Journal*, the Musgrave Prize for best paper and a Referee of the Year award
- Conducted a 3-day workshop on advanced python for economists at the US International Trade Commission
- Presented a working paper, "The Macroeconomics of Aging" in a seminar at the University of South Carolina

- Gave a talk on the economic policy views of the presidential candidates to the Gamecock Economic Society

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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.*

- Our forthcoming article “Economic Effects of Simplified Procedures for Claiming Cross-Border Tax Reliefs” was accepted for publication by the Nordic Tax Journal.