Chasen Jeffries

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Researcher and analyst with 5+ years of experience conducting high-quality research leading to publications and client-focused reports. Expert in research design, data processing, and statistical analysis in R and Python, with a proven ability to develop comprehensive analyses that address client needs, clarify problems, and identify solutions. Experienced in teaching and mentoring students in applied learning environments, with a focus on bridging theory and practice through project-based learning.

EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Data Innovation Team   08/2025 –
Drucker Institute, Claremont Graduate University

- Contributed to the development of the Drucker Institute 2025 Corporate Effectiveness Rankings featured in the Wall Street Journal.
- Performed data cleaning, validation, and quality assurance using R, supporting the integrity and reproducibility of ranking results.
- Developed documentation and codebook materials detailing indicator definitions, data sources, and scoring procedures.

Adjunct Professor   08/2024 – 12/2025
California State University Dominguez Hills

- Designed coursework for four classes: Research Design; Government & Politics of East Asia; International Relations of East Asia; Statistics for Political Science.
- Applied project-based learning and lectures to bridge theory and practice, fostering critical thinking through relevant case studies.
- Developed original course materials and simulations to help students connect political theory, empirical evidence, and real-world decision-making.
- Mentored and advised 10+ students, providing academic support and career guidance.

Research Assistant   08/2022 – 06/2025
Dr. Yi Feng & Dr. Melissa Rogers, Claremont Graduate University

- Built and managed multiple original datasets, including a comprehensive database of U.S. state legislators (1776–2024) and an index of Chinese Confucius Institutes in Latin America.
- Compiled, cleaned, and analyzed 300,000+ data points from the Latinobarómetro dataset across 18 countries (2001–2024).
- Developed data pipelines and web-scraping workflows to transform unstructured online data into clean, analyzable formats.
- Authored detailed documentation and codebooks to support data transparency, replication, and downstream analysis.
- Conducted quantitative analyses of China's image in Latin America, contributing to a conference presentation at the International Studies Association (ISA).

Teaching Assistant   *08/2023 – 06/2025*

Dr. Robert Klitgaard; Dr. Itamar Shabtai; Dr. Mark Abdollahian, Claremont Graduate University
- Supported instruction for two courses: Predictive Analytics & Machine Learning and AI for Humanity: Technology, Ethics, and Society.
- Taught applied predictive modeling and machine learning techniques in R (ex. random forests, LDA, SVM, neural networks), emphasizing social science and policy applications.
- Co-developed and delivered course materials on Generative AI tools, ethical considerations, and responsible implementation.
- Mentored student project teams, providing guidance on project design, methodological rigor, and ethical use of AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini).

Threat Researcher and Analyst   *03/2020 – 02/2021*

Red 5 Security
- Conducted rapid threat research and analysis, delivering actionable intelligence for high priority clients.
- Developed and implemented open-source research methods, doubling report outputs.

EDUCATION
PhD, International Relations & Political Science   *08/2021 – Exp. 2026*
Claremont Graduate University

M.A. International Political Economy
Claremont Graduate University

B.A. History
High Point University

SKILLS
- **Computational**: Statistical Analysis, Machine Learning, Agent-Based Modeling, Network Analysis, Natural Language Processing.
- **Technical**: R, Python, ChatGPT, Claude, NotebookLM, Tableau, GitHub, Git, NetLogo, Web Scraping.
- **Communication**: Research Writing, Data Storytelling, Technical Presentations.

AWARDS
- Transresearch Consortium Fellow   2024
- Transdisciplinary Studies Dissertation Fellowship   2024
- Luther J. Lee Jr. Memorial Award   2023
- Research Assistant of the Year Award   2023
- DPE Board of Advisors Outstanding Scholar Fund   2022