NEIL KE-JIAN CHIN

Pursuing Innovation in Climate Finance and Policy.

EDUCATION

Expected 2023

Columbia University
M.A. International Affairs | Energy & Env. | Data Analytics — New York, NY

2020

Northwestern University
B.A. Economics & International Studies | *Cum Laude* — Evanston, IL

2019 | 2018

The London School of Economics (LSE)
General Course exchange student — London, UK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present | June 2022

Climate Finance Consultant
Climate Policy Initiative — San Francisco, CA
- Designed a digital analytics "workspace" (i.e., data analysis pipeline, financial model, KPI dashboard, etc.) to assess the financial, economic development, and climate performance of the UK's international climate private equity program.
- Developed a web-based tracker for the climate commitments made by public financial institutions (i.e., development banks, export credit agencies, etc.) using web scraping and data analysis skills.
- Co-authored a report on adaptation finance in Africa, highlighting gaps in financing relative to need and key barriers/solutions to increasing adaptation investment.

May 2022 | June 2021

Intern, Raising Global Climate Ambition
World Resources Institute — Remote
- Spearheaded an assessment of the alignment between US cities' climate targets and global benchmarks and policy goals using data analysis.
- Authored an article proposing procedural and technical avenues for COP26 participants to incorporate long-term strategies into the 2023 Global Stocktake.

August 2019 | June 2019

Intern, Climate Finance
Climate Policy Initiative — San Francisco, CA
- Co-authored a report on the Chinese green bond market, analyzing use of proceeds and opportunities to streamline policy and increase transparency.

TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Present | May 2022

Teaching Assistant
Columbia University SIPA — New York, NY
- Assistant instructor for the graduate-level courses Data Analysis for Policy Research Using R (Spring 2023) and Energy Systems Fundamentals/Energy Markets and Innovation (Fall 2022; Summer 2022).

May 2021 | September 2019

Research Assistant
Northwestern Workforce Science Project — Evanston, IL
- Developed machine learning methods to analyze Big Data from millions of resumes, supporting research for an academic paper examining the relationship between higher education and economic opportunity.

August 2018 | June 2018

Undergraduate Fellow
Wanxiang Summer Fellowship — Beijing/Hangzhou, China
- Member of an energy and technology fellowship hosted by Peking University, culminating in a landscape report on China's solar technology deployment.

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BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in San Francisco. Appreciator of the outdoors and pick-up basketball. He/him pronouns. Looking to make an impact!

LANGUAGES

English (Primary); Chinese 普通话 (Limited Professional); Italian (Intermediate).

SKILLS

Analytically flexible across Python, R, Excel, and Stata. This CV was knitted in R markdown!

Project development and data management with Github, Amazon Web Services, Airtable, Metabase, and Notion.

Technical expertise in monitoring & evaluation, impact assessment, financial modeling, machine learning and data engineering.