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 | Phi Beta Kapp

♀ Evanston, IL

2019 | 2018

The London School of Economics (LSE)

General Course exchange student

O London, UK



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present

Climate Finance Consultant

Climate Policy Initiative

San Francisco, CA

| June 2022

- 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.



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.



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

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August

2018

June

2018

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.

Undergraduate Fellow

Wanxiang Summer Fellowship

Page 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.