

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 Kappa*

📍 Evanston, IL

2019
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2018

The London School of Economics (LSE)

General Course exchange student

📍 London, UK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present
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June
2022

Climate Finance Consultant

Climate Policy Initiative

📍 San Francisco, CA

- Designed an analytics “stack” (i.e., data analysis pipeline, financial modeling, live KPIs) using AWS cloud storage, python codebooks, and Metabase dashboards to assess the 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.
- 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
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June
2021

Intern, Raising Global Climate Ambition

World Resources Institute

📍 Remote

- Contributed to research and reports identifying climate ambition shortfalls and opportunities to accelerate climate action for national and local governments.

August
2019
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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
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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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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
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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.

CONTACT INFO

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📍 New York, NY

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.