

NEIL KE-JIAN CHIN

Pursuing Innovation in Climate Finance and Policy.

EDUCATION

- 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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JUN.
2022
- Climate Finance Consultant**
Climate Policy Initiative 📍 San Francisco, CA
- Designed an analytics “stack” (i.e., data analysis pipeline, financial model, live KPIs) using AWS cloud storage, Python scripts, and Metabase dashboards to assess the performance of the UK’s international climate private equity program.
 - Developed a tracking tool for the climate commitments made by public financial institutions (i.e., development banks, export credit agencies, etc.) using web scraping and data analysis.
 - Assisted on a report on adaptation finance in Africa, highlighting financing gaps relative to need and key barriers/solutions to increasing adaptation investment.
- MAY
2022
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JUN.
2021
- Intern, Raising Global Climate Ambition**
World Resources Institute 📍 Remote
- Contributed to climate policy research, identifying climate ambition shortfalls and opportunities to accelerate climate action for national and local governments.
- AUG.
2019
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JUN.
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

- MAY
2023
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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).
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2021
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SEP.
2019
- Research Assistant**
Northwestern Workforce Science Project 📍 Evanston, IL
- Developed machine learning methods to analyze Big Data scraped from millions of resumes, supporting research for an academic paper examining the relationship between higher education and economic opportunity.
- AUG.
2018
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JUN.
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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BIOGRAPHY

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

LANGUAGES

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

SKILLS

Analytically flexible across Python, R, Excel, and SQL. 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.